

# **BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL HOME LEARNING POLICY.**

All children at Burlington Junior School are expected to complete 'home learning', with the encouragement and support of their parents or guardians.

## **Purposes of Home learning:**

- To extend the range and quantity of work done.
- To involve parents in the education of their children and enhance the partnership between home and school.
- To consolidate work covered in class and develop basic skills and knowledge.
- To help children become independent learners and appreciate that learning can be an integral part of life.
- To help prepare children for secondary school.

## **System for Setting Home learning:**

All children have a home learning diary in which they write their home learning. The diary should be initialed by parents to show that reading has taken place, and that the set home learning has been completed. This diary should be brought to school every day as this is also used as a contact book between home and school.

## **Expectations**

All children are expected to read at least five times a week and there is a range of books at school which may be taken home to read. Children working on our colour coded reading scheme should be heard daily at home. Parents are invited to see the class teacher if they need further information about this. Reading should include discussion with an adult about the content and meaning of the text. Confident readers may wish to read silently – however, discussion of the text is beneficial for all children.

All children are expected to spend time practising their multiplication tables and number bonds weekly. Some work may be set over a longer period of time such as a project. Teachers will review the work being completed if a project is set over a number of weeks.

### **Year 3 and Year 4**

On average up to an hour a week could be spent on home learning.

### **Year 5**

On average up to an hour and a half a week could be spent on home learning.

### **Year 6**

On average up to an hour and a half to two hours a week could be spent on home learning.

Children work at different rates according to ability. Therefore parents should use their discretion when deciding whether their child should complete the task set, or stop after the allocated time. Please note this on the piece of work or in the home learning diary if this should happen.

Parents (or the child concerned) should contact the teacher who set the home learning if their child does not understand the task set. Contact should be made either in person or via the home learning diary, before the date on which the homework is due in.

Children who do not complete home learning will be expected to make up the work in their own time (over lunch or break time). Parents will be notified if their child fails to complete home learning regularly.

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