

## **Moss Park Junior School**

### **Homework Policy**

#### **Rationale**

Homework encourages pupils to work independently and take responsibility for some of their learning. It encourages self-discipline and organisational skills. The purpose is to support, reinforce or extend learning in school and activities may be differentiated to take into account children's abilities. Homework is given to each year group on a regular basis.

Pupils are also provided with fastening, plastic document wallets in which to carry their Homework.

#### **Assessed Work**

Homework may be marked by the teacher, the individual child or as a class. Sometimes it will be the focus of a class or pupil/teacher discussion and no formal mark given. Once assessed, the work can be returned home if not required in school. In this way, parents and carers can be informed of their child's progress with Homework tasks.

Teachers keep a record of completed Homework and parents and carers will be informed if work is not handed in on a regular basis.

#### **Absence from school**

Work can be provided for children who are absent from school due to long-term sickness and parents can liaise with the class teacher if this is required and appropriate.

Homework is not provided for any other period of absence.

#### **Homework Activities**

Homework tasks may include reading, spellings, Multiplication Tables, Maths, English, research, individual projects and activities linked to other curriculum areas.

## **Timetable for Homework**

### **Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5**

**Monday** Spellings are given out

**Friday** Spellings are tested

**Thursday** Multiplication Tables are given out

**Wednesday** Multiplication Tables are tested

Other Homework activities are given out on Friday and returned on Tuesday

Reading should be practised daily, at home.

### **Year 6**

**Monday** Multiplication Tables are given out (when necessary)

**Friday** Multiplication Tables are tested

**Monday** Spellings are given out

**Thursday** Spellings are tested

**Thursday** Maths and English are given out

**Tuesday** Maths and English to be returned

Individual topics, SATs revision, finishing off of class work and additional Homework may be given throughout the year.

The amount of Homework given and the time it takes to complete it increases as the child progresses through the school. It is expected that no child should struggle with the tasks given and if, after a reasonable period of time\* the child is still experiencing difficulties, the task should be left and the class teacher informed.

**\*NO MORE THAN 45 MINUTES SHOULD BE SPENT ON EACH PIECE OF HOMEWORK.**

**This Policy will be reviewed Autumn 2015**