

Home Learning Statement

The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School promotes Life Long Learning and recognizes that learning in school is one part of the learning experience. Home learning is an essential part of extending school life, helping pupils to achieve their potential and to develop good learning habits.

'Home Learning' is seen as an integral and important part of the school's home/ school agreement and our commitment to partnerships between teachers, children and parents.

Our teachers set 'Home Learning' tasks to:

- ✓ ***help our children to become independent learners, and promote good habits of being responsible and committed to being a Successful Learner***
- ✓ ***develop children's' skills of research, organisation and planning***
- ✓ ***enable children to practice, supplement, and develop learning carried out in the classroom***
- ✓ ***extend children's learning by being able to make use of materials, sources of information, technology and experiences that are not accessible in the classroom***
- ✓ ***promote curiosity and widen interest in the subject(s)***
- ✓ ***involve parents, and other adults, in children's learning and to offer advice on the most effective ways in which they could help the children***

Mathematics and reading tasks are set each week and are monitored accordingly. The success of 'Home Learning' is related to quality and appropriateness rather than quantity.

Topic and writing tasks build on the learning that develops naturally from that which is taking place in the classroom. A 'Home Learning Passport' is sent home once per half term offering a list of suggested activities for the children to complete. These activities are often practical and always incorporate different learning styles and interests. Parents are actively encouraged to support their child/ren with these tasks and to develop their children's interests.

We believe that 'Home Learning' should be flexible in nature to meet the range of curriculum areas taught in school and beyond. All children should expect to receive regular and consistent quantity of tasks to complete at home. There should be regular and purposeful feedback to pupils on the activities completed at home, depending on quality, frequency and consistency.

We strongly believe that 'Home Learning' should be a positive experience for all involved.

Home Learning Procedure The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

English & Topic Home Learning

At the beginning of each half term; Home Learning Passport activities are set for English and for Topic. The activities are related directly to the topics that are being covered and taught in class across the half term.

Children should complete at least three pieces from English and one from Topic. All written work is to be completed in your **Yellow Home Learning Book**. You must bring your **Yellow Home Learning Book** into school every **Wednesday**.

Creative Art & Design Home Learning

Creative art work and design models are to be completed separately and handed to your classteacher before the end of the half term and at the very latest by the date given in the passport.

Mathematics Home Learning

Mathematics Home Learning will reflect and deepen the work your child has been doing in class. Your child will be set **Mathematics work on Fridays** and must be brought back to school every **Wednesday** for marking. This work must be completed in the **Blue Mathematics Home Learning Book**.

Spellings Home Learning

Spellings will be copied out and sent home every **Friday** in your child's **Blue Spelling Home Learning Book**. The spelling test will be every **Friday**.

Reading Home Learning

Your child will have a reading journal for Home Reading and a reading book. The journal must be completed weekly and signed by the parent. The reading book and journal must be in school every Friday, so a new book can go home for weekend reading.

School Home Learning Bag

Every child from Year 1-5 will be required to have a **School Home Learning Bag** to use to carry their books to and from school-/home. This must be in school **EVERY Wednesday & Friday**.

This Home Learning statement has been devised in response to parents request for more structured home learning tasks and a clear defined timetable for this to happen.