



Oveston CEVC Primary School

Pick and Mix Homework

A guide for parents and Carers



What is it?

Pick and Mix homework is a selection of tasks and activities to do at home which support the learning that is being done in class. The activities are divided into 6 boxes, one for each area of learning. There is also a 7th box – 'The Empty Box'. This is to give children the opportunity to work on something that interests them or that they have achieved outside of school. At the end of term, children will be given the opportunity to share what they have done.

How does it work?

At the start of a term, children will be given their Pick and Mix Homework. This will have the work on it to last the term. Once a task has been completed, it needs to be placed in the Pick and Mix Homework Box in the classroom unless it is too big! Each class will have a 'check in' half way through the term to check on progress and iron out any problems. At the end of term, the children will be given the opportunity to celebrate what has been done. They will need to have all of their chosen tasks in school for this date.

How is the work shared and celebrated?

There will be a 'check in' point written on the front of the Pick and Mix Homework sheet. This is when the children need to bring in their work to date; they will be given the opportunity to share and iron out any concerns that they have.

On the back of the Pick and Mix homework, there will be a table for when children will have the opportunity to present and share their term's Pick and Mix Homework. Parents will be welcome to join us for these sharing opportunities.

What is expected?

CLEAR Tasks - these are tasks which children pick themselves. The number of tasks that they have to do corresponds to the Year that the children are in:

Year 1 – Have to complete at least 1 clear task;

Year 2 – Have to complete at least 2 clear tasks;

Year 3 – Have to complete at least 3 clear tasks;

Year 4 – Have to complete at least 4 clear tasks;

Year 5 – Have to complete at least 5 clear tasks;

Year 6 – Have to complete at least 6 clear tasks.

RED Tasks – these HAVE to be completed and are done nightly.

YELLOW Tasks – these HAVE to be completed at some point during the term (there might be 2 or 3 of these).

GREEN Tasks – these are challenge tasks for any of the children to choose to do. These don't have to be done, but are available for those children who want to push themselves.

How is the work presented?

Children can work using posters, computers, modelling, cooking...the list is endless! How it is presented is their choice. We want to encourage the children to present their work in any way which engages and excites them. This might be in the form of a photo diary, a story board, a PowerPoint presentation, a film clip, a poster, a model, a story, a piece of art work, a plate of food...the list is endless! Unless specified, the choice is yours.

What about Reading, Spelling and Times Tables?

These will be **RED** tasks that will need to be completed nightly.

Each child is expected to read to an adult every night and record this in their Reading Record.

Spellings will be given for the term and need to be learnt, ready for the weekly spelling test.

Times Tables underpin primary Maths and it is essential that they are practised daily. Children will be tested on these weekly (dependant on year group).

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