

## Handy Homework Tips

- ✓ Help your child to prioritise homework including spellings and reading by drawing up a planner or marking on the calendar.
- ✓ Choose a time when your child is best able to work, after snack or tea, after they've had a run around or play. Help them take responsibility by giving them a choice they need to stick to.
- ✓ Reward all effort with charts or stickers- don't forget to sign your child's reading record book. Any reading or looking at books or magazines is great!
- ✓ Create a tidy quiet space where your child can sit to do homework.
- ✓ Use a timer to set a minimum amount of time to spend on homework, you can use a phone alarm, oven /microwave timer. This is useful for children who are reluctant to sit and complete work at home-you can praise effort with a chart or a little reward and increase the time spent over the weeks.
- ✓ Use your phone's voice recording to allow your child to say what they want write and play it back in sections writing a bit at a time. This is useful for children who have dyslexic tendencies or those who find a lot of writing in one go difficult and allows them to clarify their ideas.
- ✓ Spread homework out over days- do a little bit each night rather than hours of an evening. This is useful for children who are reluctant to do homework and the thought of it puts them off, it can prevent arguments.
- ✓ Sit and help your child and show an interest by asking questions which will motivate them-join in with them. Have a go at reading and writing with them.
- ✓ Make it fun, look out for things to aid homework or topics when out and about, visit places of interest related to topic work.
- ✓ Use the school's website and look at your child's class page for ideas on topic work.

