



## Ark Priory Primary Academy Home Learning Policy

### *Explore, Endeavour, Excel*

**This policy was written and adopted on: September 2021**

**The policy to be reviewed on: September 2023**

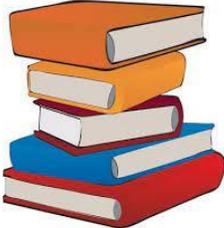
### **Our Vision**

At Ark Priory, we want our pupils to be independent learners, full of curiosity about the world and equipped with the tools to investigate it. We believe it is essential that they master as soon as possible key knowledge and skills that will support them on this journey, developing from the outset positive habits towards learning outside of school.

### **Why home learning?**

- Enable pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom and support the development of more independent learning, accelerating the closing of gaps in their knowledge and removing barriers to learning.
- Provide teachers with more time in the classroom for high leverage activity and reduce the time spent marking and monitoring home learning.
- Bring school closer to home, so that families can be more engaged in their childrens' learning and be guided to support effectively.
- The aim is to practice and prepare for learning and lesson. The children will be able to complete the learning independently and the learning will be viewed but not marked as this is in addition to all class work.
  - Practice will include; spellings, times tables, Mathematics
  - Prepare- pre-reading, subject knowledge videos, activities for extension
- Termly newsletter and sharing success and photos of the class.

The coronavirus pandemic has also revealed to us the extent to which the digital divide impacts on the disadvantage gap. By ensuring that all learners have the same access to technology at home, we level the playing field of opportunity and remove barriers to learners. Through the digital strategy, Ark Priory will help tackle the digital exclusion that exists within our communities by not only ensuring that every child gets a device, but that they have the skills and knowledge to use IT effectively in and out of school. This is the driver for our home learning policy.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">EMBEDDED KEY LEARNING</h2> 	<h2 style="text-align: center;">STRENGTHEN HOME-SCHOOL LINKS</h2> 	<h2 style="text-align: center;">DEVELOP HABITS</h2> 
<p>Homework at Ark Priory is designed to ensure that all children master basic knowledge and skills, providing further opportunities for practice and retrieval.</p>	<p>Learning does not just happen at school: our homework is designed to provide parents/carers with further opportunities to support their child(ren) academically.</p>	<p>Setting homework is one of the ways in which we can help to create lifelong habits of independent learning and time management that will be essential in the future.</p>

## Practice, preparation, and celebration

Practice	Preparation	Celebration
- spellings - times tables - Mathletics	- pre-reading - subject knowledge videos - activities for extension	Termly newsletter Sharing success and photos of the class

It allows for:

- **Consistency** with resources
- **Support** families while providing them with an IT access
- **Equality**
  - ✓ all children have the same
  - ✓ families with more than one child will be able to access homework at the same time

## What will this look like in practice?

Teachers will be posting home learning for pupils in Key Stage One and Two via **SeeSaw announcements**.

They will be posting the following:

1. **'What we are learning next week'** (A few bulletin points to explain the focus for maths/English and non-core) so parents/carers understand what is being covered in class the following week
2. At least **one piece of pre-work for the following week** (*reading/ maths practice/ a question to research*)
3. One task from **Mathletics** (for KS2 only)
4. Weekly **Spellings**
5. Any additional **reading practice**. eg. Phonics

**No direct feedback**

We agreed with parents that teachers will not be able to provide direct feedback to home learning like during the lockdown.

### **Consistency**

All teachers should provide, every week, the minimum expectation for home learning for their class.

### **Reading weekly**

Pupils also should take home a library book and a levelled book for their reading age each week.