



## Sarn Bach School: Homework Policy

### Why set Homework?

- Homework can support children's academic development if it reinforces classroom work or provides opportunities for children to develop basic skills.

### Types of Homework

- **Reading at Home:**
  - The school strongly believes that regular reading is the most important type of homework.
  - Every child is encouraged to read at home every night.
  - Reading bags and daily reading records are provided for every pupil starting at the school.
  - The school maintains a register of pupils who read nightly and rewards classes that read regularly.
  - *"Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything."* — Tomie dePaola
- **The Early Years:**
  - Learning to read and becoming an independent reader is a vital part of a child's development.
  - Parents play an important role by reading with their child regularly, reading to them, and sharing the enjoyment of books.
  - If reading in Welsh is difficult for parents, looking at pictures and discussing the story's order is still extremely valuable.
- **Independent Reading:**
  - As children become independent, they are encouraged to read every night, with parental help as needed.
  - Children take interesting reading books home daily in Welsh, and in English once they are ready.
  - For more challenging books, children should read a portion each night and bring their record to school daily for registration.
  - Families are encouraged to visit the local library regularly to borrow books.

### Homework Supporting Classroom Work

- **Basic Skills:**
  - Regular practice of basic skills is essential for academic development and is the best way to support classroom work.

- A variety of resources are available on **HWB** to facilitate this practice.
- Every child has an HWB account; parents can contact the school for login details.
- Resources are shared across 3 "classrooms"—one for Foundation Phase and another for Key Stage 2—though families can use either to find the right level of challenge.
- These digital resources focus on numeracy and literacy through fun games to make homework enjoyable.

### **Other Homework**

- Teachers may occasionally set other homework to support class activities, such as research or recording work.
  - This is more common as children get older, and they will receive clear explanations regarding tasks and deadlines.
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