

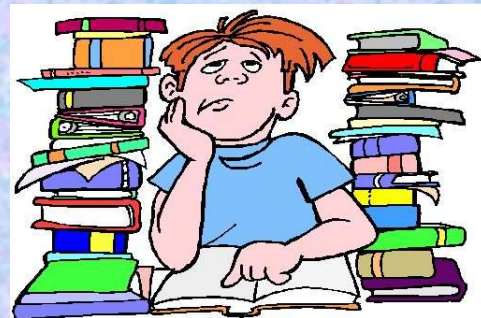


Homework Open Evening

What we think homework should be like and how to help your child become an independent learner.

Why do homework?

- To some, it is an essential part of school life that ensures exam success.
- To others, it is a burden that affects the health of children and damages family life.



- The research shows that parental involvement in children's learning is a key factor in improving children's academic attainment and achievements, as well as their overall behaviour and attendance.



- Help us to help your child succeed

Why we think it is important

- To provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work together to enjoy learning experiences;
- To improve the quality of learning experience offered to pupils;
- To extend and support the learning experience via reinforcement and revision;

HOMESWORK GUIDANCE



In our school the focus will be on the basic skills delivered through a variety of contexts for learning. Most importantly, Homework **does not** mean formal exercises carried out by children without help from adults.



Benefits for your child

- Particularly in the case of younger children, it is the involvement of parents and carers in joint activities, which can be very brief, which is most valuable in promoting their learning.
- Joint activities with parents develops independent creative expression in older children.



Our aim...

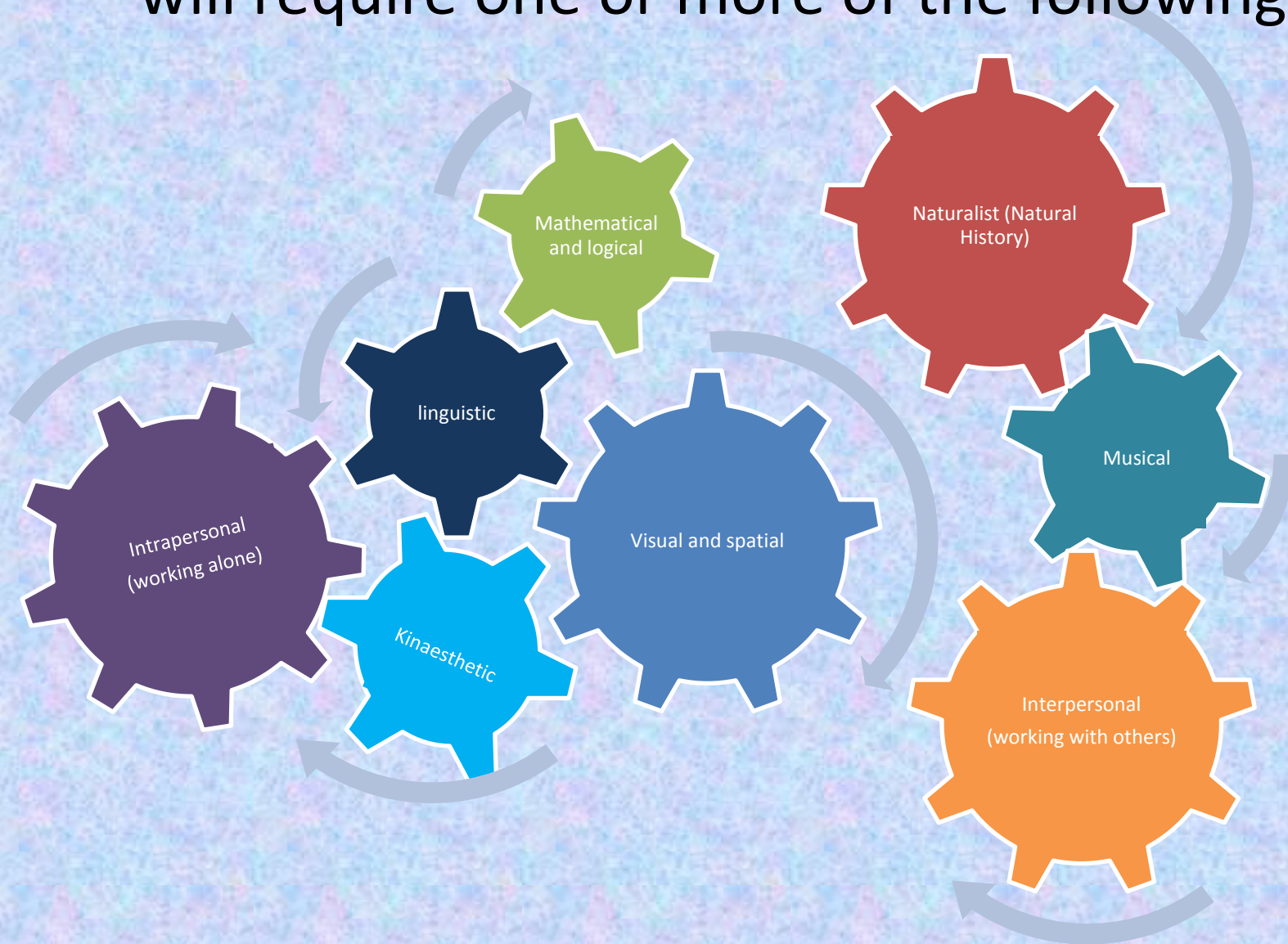
To provide homework tasks

- To support your child's independence whilst also supporting their holistic development.



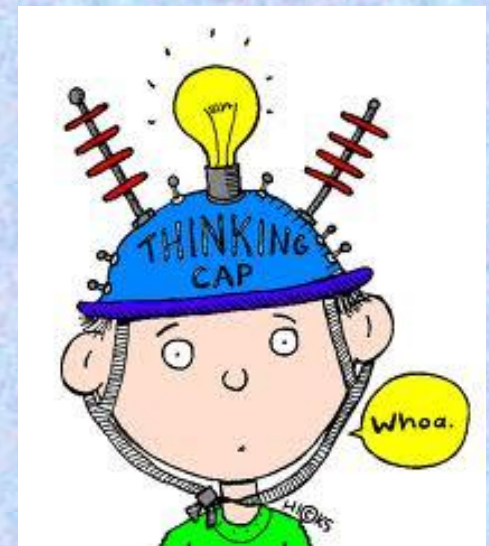
- To provide a rich and interesting range of tasks that support family learning.

Each week, every child will be given a task which will require one or more of the following skills:



These skills are known as intelligences

- We all have strengths and areas for development within these.
- We believe that children should be exposed to learning which is relevant to all these 'intelligences' to identify and challenge their strengths whilst developing new ways of learning.



Weekly tasks



- We hope that many of the tasks will provide opportunities for families to share this learning journey and encourage siblings to learn together.
- Tasks will be given out on a Wednesday and returned to school the following Tuesday.

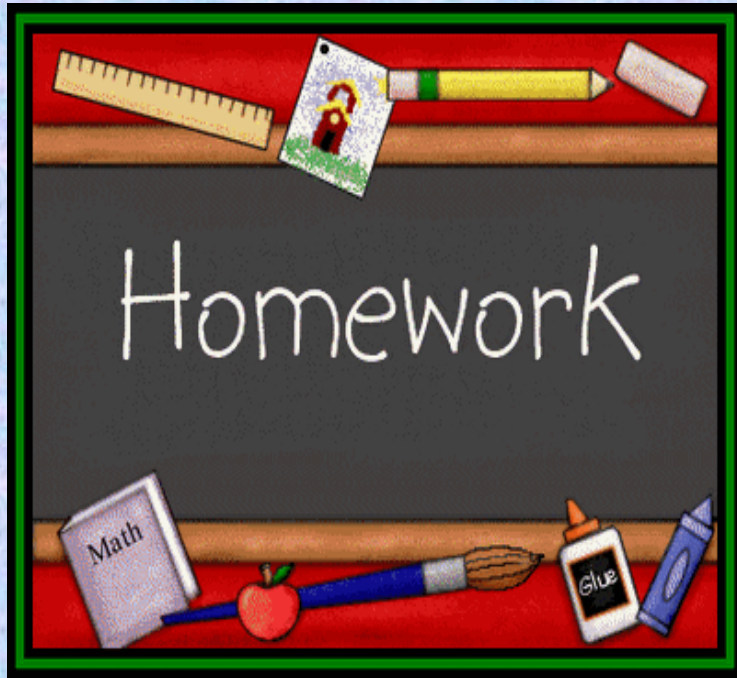
Marking and feedback

- This will be through shared classroom discussions and feedback from peers



- A system for recording homework returned will be in place and children will be rewarded with merits or team points for particularly good effort.

Bringing work into school



There will be dedicated time and space for the children to share their work and achievements with a chance to share with their class and opportunities for work to be shared in Friday worship. We will set up a notice board to share the work with others.

Most important, parents and carers are asked to:

- make it clear to pupils how much they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning
- praise and encourage pupils when they take pride in their homework
- encourage pupils of all ages to read as much and as widely as possible



- ENJOY your time together –
it is over very quickly!!



- We believe this is the best way forward for homework for the children in our school – it provides an holistic approach to learning and supports families by providing opportunities for siblings to support each other.

- Please support us
in supporting your child.

