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	Name	Signature	Date
Chair of Sub-Committee's Approval	Neal Prescott		Sept 2017

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	Name	Signature	Date
Headteacher's Approval	Paul Watson		Sept 2017
Chair of Governors' Approval	Neal Prescott		Sept 2017
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Version	Date	Description of Change	Changed By
1	09.01.02	First Version	
2	10.01.08	Entirely Updated	JM/KO/PW
3	Sept 10	Change to Homework Guidance (page 3)	PW
3.1	23.09.10	Second minor Change to Homework (page 3)	PW
3.2	8.10.10	Third minor Change to Homework (page 3)	KO
4	23.2.12	No changes other than front sheet names/ratification dates	CM
5	Sept 12	Very minor changes to reflect current policy	PW
6	Dec 12	Changes to reflect parental feedback	PW
7	Sept 14	Introduction of SPAG and curriculum changes	PW
8	Sept 15	Minor changes linked to Curriculum changes	PW
9	Sept 16	Changes linked to curriculum needs	TC
10	Sept 17	Minor amendments	TC

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At Preston Hedge's Primary School, we recognise the valuable part that homework can play in your child's education. We also recognise that they have many other rich and varied learning experiences that they enjoy during their evenings, weekends and holidays.

We appreciate that they learn instruments, attend clubs like Brownies, swimming, football, and pursue hobbies like computers and arts and craft, and also that they need time to socialise with friends and family, play, relax, listen to music and have fun. With this in mind and as we all want our children to be balanced, happy human beings, we are keen to get the level and amount of homework that we send home right for a child's age. We believe that homework only works if we have parents and children's support and enthusiasm.

We reiterate that homework helps to practice and reinforce classroom learning and also gives opportunities to develop key skills for independent learning, such as information retrieval and planning. The emphasis of homework is usually Numeracy or Literacy.

Our children in Years 1 to 6 are supplied with Spelling books and Reading Journey books to communicate with parents. In Reception children have a Reading Journey book which is used to record initial home/school communications. Literacy and Numeracy homework is undertaken in a homework book which allows Parents, children and teachers to provide feedback. Literacy and Numeracy homework is differentiated according to ability.

We hold Workshops for parents to introduce a method used by our teachers to help them to support their child's learning.

Curriculum newsletters are written three times a year and these explain the areas of learning so that you can support your child with visits to the library, etc. These newsletters and other related curriculum content can be found on our website (www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk) in the appropriate curriculum phase page.

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HOMEWORK - GUIDANCE TO PARENTS

Our year groups have the following homework. These timings are averages and may vary from week to week. Occasionally the children may be asked to undertake large homework projects which may possibly take a few weeks to complete.

We would always recommend that parents practise the following basics regularly:

- **Reading**
- **Spellings Times tables/mental maths**

Foundation Stage:

Reading & Phonics

Spellings linked to phonics from January

One practical homework activities per term from May.

Year 1:

Reading – children have 2 books from the reading scheme to read at home with parents during each week

Spellings linked to phonics on a weekly basis from October

Occasional Maths & SPAG related homework activities from Summer Term

Year 2

Weekly rotation of English/SPAG and Maths

Weekly Spelling

Frequent reading at home of school reading book with parents

Year 3

Weekly rotation of English/SPAG and Maths

Weekly spelling/spelling investigations

Independent reading/reading with parents frequently during the week using the school reading book

Year 4

Weekly Maths

English homework on a 2 weekly cycle involving 1 x SPAG homework and 2 X Reading diaries using the school reading book

Weekly spellings/spelling investigation

Year 5

Weekly Maths

English homework on a 2 weekly cycle involving 1 x SPAG homework and 2 X Reading diaries using the school reading book

Weekly spellings/spelling investigation

Year 6

Weekly Maths

English homework on a 2 weekly cycle involving 1 x SPAG homework and 2 X Reading diaries using the school reading book

Weekly spelling/spelling investigation

All homework will be issued on a Friday and is available on the school website:

(www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk).

Maths Homework

To help parents support Maths homework we have made three changes:

1. All Maths homework will now include Mental Maths that can be practiced at home.
2. The teachers will provide an example of how to undertake the questions provided.
3. Where a written strategy is required, teachers will provide guidance as to which strategy should be used. (Further guidance on how we teach written strategies is available on the school website.)

Please regard homework as an enjoyable experience and provide a quiet space for your child. If there are any difficulties, please seek guidance from the teacher.

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Your part in your child's education is invaluable. Have fun!

SPAG = Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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