Homework Policy

At Orchard Head we want homework to be a valued activity which gives our children and parents an opportunity to reinforce and enhance the children's learning.

Homework will include a variety of tasks to encourage and develop children's skills, which will prepare them for the development of later independent study skills. Parents will be informed of the content of the policy, including what will be expected of them. Information and advice on homework is available from staff, if required.

Some homework tasks, e.g. reading, require more parental involvement than others, but whatever the task, Orchard Head J, I & N School hopes that parents will find at least some time to work through their child's homework with them. Homework is something that should be treated as an opportunity and not a chore. It should not be carried out in a situation that may lead to stress or confrontation. A quiet, calm area is the best place for homework to be done. While work should be done in a relaxed atmosphere, it should still be of a high quality. Indeed it should be completed to the same standard as is expected at school. Should parents find that homework is causing frustration, due to either too much or too little challenge, then the school welcomes them to contact the class teacher to discuss the work. This can easily be achieved through a note recorded on the homework. Children are not expected to complete work if it is causing them anxiety. All children will be given homework differentiated as appropriate to their needs.

Homework will be given for one of the following reasons:

- To enhance work already done in class.
- To give extra practice in the basic literacy and numeracy skills.
- To discover/research new facts.
- To prepare children for skills/revision required of them in a test situation.

Homework will be explained in advance and it will be marked/discussed/examined in class after completion. It is expected that homework will be done. If homework is not completed, a child is not in the same position as the rest of the class.