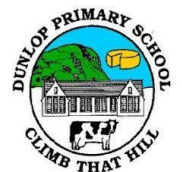




Dunlop Primary School & ECC
Revised Update - February 2022



Homework

In 2019, prior to Covid Lockdown, a large body of work was completed by staff in relation to reviewing research into Homework and the impact it has on our learners. At the time, research by the Education Endowment Foundation (Learning and Teaching Toolkit International Research) and John Hattie (Visible Learning) concluded that when homework is used as a short and focused intervention it can be effective in improving students' attainment, but this is limited for primary age learners and there is more benefit for Secondary aged pupils.

When looking at John Hattie's Visible Learning extensive research into Influences on Achievement, homework ranked as 94th out of 150 as having a positive impact on the learner's educational journey and attainment.

At parental request, we revisited the above mentioned research and engaged with all stakeholder – pupils, parents/carers and staff to review our homework provision in January 2022. Taking account of all feedback received, we will be making a slight adjustment to our homework provision as outlined in the table below. The additions will be optional for families to participate in should they wish and will in the main, be digital activities to consolidate learning at home. Optional Homework tasks will be issued on a Monday via Learning Journals (P1-3) and Teams (P4-7). There is no requirement for these activities to be submitted to class teachers.

We appreciate that everyone has busy lives and our children attend many clubs and events during the school week, making it difficult, and often challenging, to fit in homework. We do not want to add additional stress at what is still a very challenging time.

We want any homework tasks issued to be meaningful, enjoyable and develop skills using the valuable support that you provide your child with at home. We want you to have clarity of what will be sent home and give you flexibility with timings, allowing you to fit homework around your home life.

We have compiled a list of the Homework tasks that will be sent home:

P1-3	P4-7
Weekly reading	Reading for enjoyment (P5-7)
Preparation for mini talks (2 per year)	Reading preparation (P5)
Preparation for Scots Poem	Preparation for solo talks (2 per year, 1 of which will be P6 R. Thomson)
Skills based topic related projects (max. 3 per year)	Skills based topic related projects (max. 3 per year, 1 of which will be digital learning)
	Preparation for Scots poem
	Burns Supper Presentation (P7)
(Added Feb 2022) Optional weekly spelling task.	
(Added Feb 2022) Optional weekly numeracy/maths task.	
(Added Feb 2022) Reading for Pleasure Reading Log	

- Pupils who receive additional support for learning may have personalised homework as agreed at Team Around the Child (TAC meetings) and included in their Child's Plan.
- Numeracy Bookmarks have also be sent home and parents/carers will be able to use these to support numeracy as these inform you what your child will be covering in class at the Curriculum for Excellence level they are working at.