

We encourage homework in our school for a number of reasons:

- *To strengthen home-school links as parents play an important part in education.*
- *To provide the opportunity to see what is being taught in school*
- *To consolidate work already taught in class.*

Homework helps your child to:

- *Learn how to organise and manage their time*
- *Take more responsibility for their own learning*
- *Practice and build on what they have learned at school*
- *Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems*
- *Learn and work independently in the future.*

Obviously the amount and content of the homework given will vary according to the stage/ability of the child.

The tasks given by the teacher should be manageable in the time given and take approximately 20-30 mins. If it is taking longer than this please stop the task and let the teacher know (*by writing a note in the homework jotter*).

In Primaries 1 - 4 homework will be issued daily and follow a set pattern to allow routines to be established.

In Primary 5 - 7 homework will be set on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday; this is to allow children the opportunity to manage their time appropriately depending on out of school commitments. Teachers will however, collect in the jotters daily to allow children to receive feedback / discuss their plans for completing the tasks.

Even if you have little time or don't know much about the subject or level your child is studying, you can still be involved. It's not your time or ability, but a positive and encouraging attitude to your child's learning that really matters. Homework is for children to do, not for parents. We would however, ask you to ensure that your child's homework is neatly presented, answered correctly and signed.

How we learn is as unique as our fingerprints so every child might well approach homework differently.

Primary 1

Homework consists of phonics tasks, reading, word building and numeracy.

Primaries 2 - 4

Homework consists of spelling tasks, usually in the form of active spelling which encourages the development of muscle memory for learning words, reading and numeracy, additional tasks may be given and will replace a spelling task.

Primary 5

Three spelling tasks per week. 11 tricky words – *look, say, cover, write check grid activity (10 mins)*. Three reading nights (*10 mins*). *One grammar/maths activity*.

Primaries 6 and 7

One spelling task per week. Ten tricky words. Activity to be set by class teacher eg. *word search, definitions, paragraph*. Reading - 2 nights per week. One maths activity.

Topic tasks will be issued by teachers as appropriate and will take the form of a choice of activity such as research, a solo talk, model etc.