



Ravenswood Primary School



Homework Policy

Rationale

We believe that homework supports, extends and consolidates the learning covered in the classroom while supporting children to develop self-discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

Aims of this policy

- Raise attainment;
- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the school;
- Ensure teachers, parents and carers have a clear understanding about expectations of themselves and pupils.

The main purpose of homework is to:

- consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities;
- access resources not available in the classroom;
- develop research skills;
- have an opportunity for independent work;
- show progress and understanding;
- to enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-discipline;
- to take ownership and responsibility for learning;
- engage parental co-operation and support;
- and create channels for home school dialogue.

Guidelines for homework

- Reading – every day
- Spelling and phonics – weekly
- Maths – weekly
- Other curricular areas will be covered through a learning grid which will change every few weeks.

How homework will be provided

- All homework will now be posted on your child's class Teams page.
- Homework should be submitted by posting on Teams or emailing directly to the class teacher.
- Sumdog will be used to enhance maths and spelling and a login will be provided by the school.
- GLOW can be used to access topic specific information, games and activities.
- Paper copies of homework can be requested by contacting the front office.

How you can help your child with their homework

Below is a list of ways that you as a parent can show your child that you value their homework and the time and effort spent completing it. The school will also provide clear and regular reminders of their expectation when it comes to homework. As a school we hope that you will find this guidance helpful in supporting your child fully with their homework.

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place in which your child can do their homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support;
- making it clear to your child that you value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help learning;
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed work set;
- signing and dating your child's completed homework to show that it is a true reflection of their best efforts;
- ensuring work is complete and returned to school on time;
- checking your child spends a suitable amount of time on homework.

Additionally, you can support your child's development by:

- visits to libraries, museums etc.;
- cooking with them;
- taking your child swimming;
- playing games, e.g. board games, cards, ball games;
- watching informative TV programmes together;
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.;
- gardening and growing plants;
- using the internet to research something with your child (following guidelines for safe internet use);
- attending any school workshops that may be on offer, designed to enable Parents/Carers to support their child's learning at home;
- talking to your child about schoolwork, their day, what they have been learning about and how they have been learning.

Finally, and most important of all

MAKE IT FUN 😊

Whilst it is the responsibility of the school to set homework on a regular basis, the school cannot enforce the completion of homework and therefore, will not punish children for failing to complete some or all of their homework