

### Primary 1-3 will:

- There will be set tasks each week, which MUST be completed.
- The pupil can select which 2 other 'choice' tasks they complete.
- Each child will be given a book home to read aloud to a parent or guardian and it will be used as part of next day learning.
- Each child must bring their book every day.
- Practice their Common spelling words and Phoneme words at home each night as well as their sounds.

**If a pupil is absent, they will be given extra homework in order to catch up on the work they have missed.**



### Primary 4-7 Learners Will:

- Develop the skills used in class to complete homework.
- There will be set tasks each week, which MUST be completed.
- The pupil can select which 2 other 'choice' tasks they complete.
- Make sure homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Read the right amount of their school novel at home.
- Make sure homework is to the correct standard, as would be the case in class
- If an ICT task is set, computers can be accessed in school if needed.

**Homework that is not handed in by the agreed date will be completed in school during 'Me Time'**

If you would like to find out more about how best to support your child's learning, visit our class blogs at...

[www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk)

Or

Education Scotland Parentzone at...

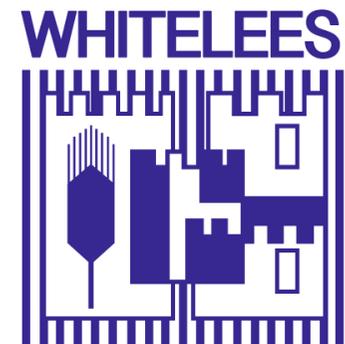
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WHITELEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HOMework

## Parent and Learner Guide



Homework is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. This includes a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support your children's learning. For example, parents or carers who spend time reading stories to their children before bedtime are helping with homework. Your child's homework has been designed to give them opportunities to personalise their own learning path whilst promoting an ethos of purposeful learning practice.

### Aims

*At Whitelees Primary School we aim for our homework and shared learning experiences to:*

- Encourage reading at home;
- allow the opportunity to share learning;
- extend pupils' learning beyond the classroom;
- encourage knowledge and skills that will help with real life experiences;
- give opportunities to personalise and choose learning;
- help pupils develop their skills as an independent learner;
- promote cooperation between home and school in supporting each child's learning;
- provide opportunities to revisit learning experiences in a purposeful way;
- consolidate and reinforce the learning done in school, and to allow children to practice skills taught;
- help children develop good work habits for the future.

### Responsibilities

*Staff will:*

- Plan homework that matches the knowledge and abilities of each pupil.
- Add a Homework sheet to the class blog for pupils and parents to access.
- Provide each child with all the equipment needed, such as homework jotters, home link diary, homework sheet and any other requirements.
- Keep homework jotters clearly labelled and safe within a polypocket or folder.
- Make sure homework is handed out as per the agreed class routine.
- Provide feedback that encourages children to show commitment and interest in practice activities.



Homework plays a positive role in raising your child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the importance of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While homework is important, it **should not** prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs/organisations or be the cause of upset or friction to your family.

*Parents/Carers will:*

- Listen to pupils read every night and ensure the book comes back to school, as the child will need it for learning.
- Support the child and school to make sure the work is completed on time.
- Contact the class Teacher if they have any concerns regarding Homework.
- Evidence practical tasks by including a photograph, drawing or writing a short description.
- Sign pupil's Homework Tasks and write any comments that helps support learning.

As they move through the school, we increase the amount of homework that we give your child. We expect children in P1 to spend approximately one hour per week doing homework, although this may well include reading with a parent. It is recommended that children in P2 & 3 to spend approximately 15–20 minutes per night on homework, and children in Years 4-7 to spend approximately 30 minutes