

# **Bell's Brae Primary School**



## **HOMEWORK**

**Information for parents and carers**

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*"Research shows that pupils who regularly discuss school work with their parents perform better than those who don't. Where parents are actively involved in their children's learning it has a positive effect on their children's attainment and achievement."*

From Learning and Teaching Scotland website on supporting parents.

## **Why do homework?**

- To consolidate class work
- To develop the skills of an independent learner
- To provide educational experiences not possible in school
- To provide opportunity for parental involvement and support

## **Our homework**

We set a variety of homework activities. The content of the task set may vary from stage to stage and at different times throughout a session but should always be:-

- Clearly understood by the pupil
- At an appropriate level of ability for the child
- Able to be completed without specialised resources
- A variety of activities
- Reviewed by the teacher with feedback given

All pupils will have a homework jotter. This can be used by parents/carers, pupils and teachers as a means of communication. Please tell us if there is a problem.

Homework tasks may be issued on a Monday for completion by Friday, with the exception of reading, which should be done on a more frequent basis.

Homework may include:

**In Primaries 1 - 2**

- Discussion of reading book
- Practising reading
- Reinforcing sounds
- Finding out something or bringing in items for a class activity
- Library books
- Maths activities
- Spelling - Jolly Phonics

**In Primaries 3 -5**

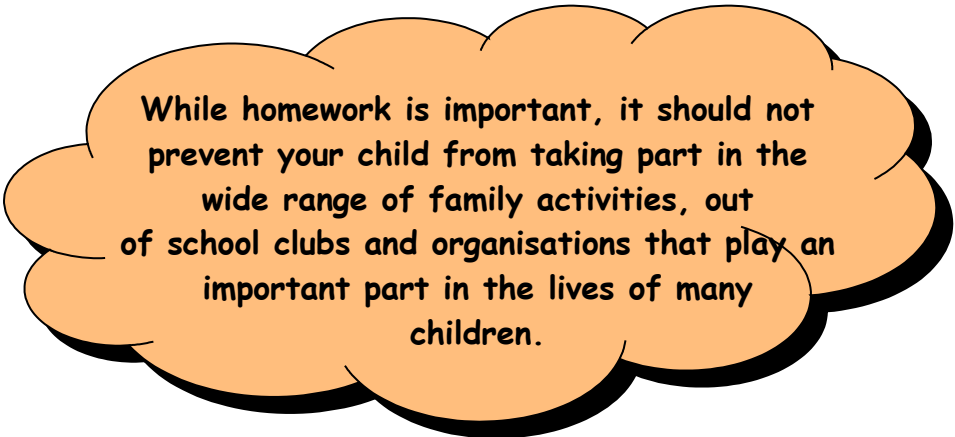
- Practising reading aloud
- Personal reading
- Spelling
- Maths - tables and maths sheets
- Personal research

**In Primaries 6-7**

- Preparation of reading
- Personal reading
- Spelling - English/French/German
- Maths - tables and maths sheets
- Personal research

## TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD @ HOME

- Have a quiet workplace
- Chose a time when your child is fresh
- Help your child to get organised
- Be available to help and encourage
- Visit the library
- Visit areas of local interest
- Keep reading to your child
- Above all show interest and praise good efforts



While homework is important, it should not prevent your child from taking part in the wide range of family activities, out of school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many children.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk)

[www.ltscotland.org.uk/wholeschoolissues/supportingparents](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/wholeschoolissues/supportingparents)

[www.gridclub.com](http://www.gridclub.com)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/learning](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning)

Please let us know if you find any good websites to share.