



St Elizabeth's Primary and Nursery School

Our Homework Policy



Our Rationale:

In St Elizabeth's Primary School we believe that homework is an essential part of pupils' learning. Homework is set weekly in our school and we believe this enables and encourages our children to establish good positive homework habits from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Various documents from Education Scotland, including Engaging Parents and Families published in 2019, highlights the importance of schools and families working together with to improve and enhance children's learning. Effective and regular homework tasks can be crucial in developing parents' support for and understanding of their child's learning and we fully embrace this in our school.

Our Aims

- * to provide a variety of homework tasks to extend and develop learning, including personalisation and choice as well as challenge for our children. We are keen to raise standards in Literacy and Numeracy for all our children this session.
- * to communicate with our families their child's progress and to highlight areas that are needing further support. Our focus is on consolidating/reinforcing pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding of work covered in class.
- * to provide opportunity for parents to be involved and support their child in their learning and to further develop the partnership between parents and staff to enhance learning opportunities and outcomes for pupils.
- * to provide opportunities for pupils to manage their homework tasks in line with their family life and to further develop their independent learning skills

Our Roles and Responsibilities

Head Teacher and Management Team:

The Head Teacher oversees the implementation of this policy statement. Along with the Senior Leadership Team in the school, homework will be monitored regularly and this involves jotter monitoring, discussions with staff, pupils and parents.

Class Teachers:

Class Teachers have the responsibility of setting appropriate and challenging homework each week for every pupil in their class. They are required to monitor the completion of homework and report any pupil who is not completing homework on a regular basis to the Senior Leadership Team who will then follow this up.

Pupils:

Pupils have the responsibility to ensure that homework is taken from school each week, fully completed and returned by each Friday at the latest. All pupils are expected to ensure they have all relevant resources for homework and, if not, to let their class teacher know as we are happy to provide a range of resources for our pupils to use at home.

Parents and Families:

We ask that families encourage our pupils to engage fully with their homework each week. Parents and families are expected to be fully involved in homework tasks and to encourage their child to complete and return their homework each week. Any questions parents have regarding homework should be written in the homework jotter and teachers will then respond.

Outline of Homework

In St Elizabeth's Primary School homework will be set for all classes each week on a Monday and should be returned by Friday of the same week at the latest.

Pupils will have the full week to complete the tasks set and may hand the work in to their class teacher before the Friday deadline if they have completed all of the work.

For this session, the main focus of our homework tasks will be Literacy and Numeracy. There will also be one other task assigned by the class teacher which will mainly focus on Health and Wellbeing.

Homework is set weekly and is:

- Used to reinforce and extend learning mainly in literacy and numeracy
- Differentiated to meet the needs of our pupils
- Valued by pupils, parents and staff.

Homework activities

Homework will involve activities such as:

- Reading: independent, shared or paired reading and may include activities to reinforce comprehension and understanding of texts as the children progress through the school.
- Spelling: learning phonemes, spelling rules and common words.
- Number/Maths: activities to consolidate learning in class.
- Health and Wellbeing focus.

There may also be times when homework includes a focus on -

- Outdoor Learning Activities and/or Practical activities linked to current affairs.

The type and amount of homework will vary according to the age and ability of the pupils. Homework tasks should be completed in the child's homework jotter. There may also be a range of worksheets sent home and children should complete these and then return to school.

Projects or research tasks will be given a set time for completion as required. This may be set over a period of a few weeks.

Feedback for Homework

All homework will be corrected by the class teacher each week. When the Head Teacher, Depute Head or Principal Teacher monitor homework jotters, they will sign and date the jotter and include a comment. Each child's jotter will be monitored at least once throughout each school session.

Practical tasks may be photographed and uploaded by parents and families through Google Classroom as appropriate.

We ask that parents and families sign pupil's homework jotters each week. Any comments regarding homework will also be addressed via the homework jotter as appropriate.