



Homework Guidelines

The purpose of homework at Cambusbarron Primary is to reinforce the learning that takes place in class. Children should be encouraged to complete tasks independently with adult supervision as appropriate to age and stage.

Parents, carers and other family members can and do make a real difference to children's education. When parents and schools work together, children do better. Children learn a great deal at pre-school and school and you can add to that learning by supporting them at home. For example, showing an interest in their learning and talking to them about it really helps. With support and encouragement, children find it easier to get into the homework habit.

So why is homework important?

Homework helps your child to:

- learn how to organise and manage their time
- learn something by explaining and discussing it with you
- take more responsibility for their own learning
- practise and build on what they have learned at school
- learn and work independently

What Homework Looks like at Cambusbarron Primary

Below is a useful guide by year group. However, please be aware that homework is responsive to children's learning needs and may change to meet that.

P1-2:

Weekly phonic and numeracy task. Reading books will be sent home at key stages. We would encourage daily reading for pleasure at home.

P3-4:

Weekly reading task plus 2 tasks from other areas of the curriculum (e.g. spelling, phonics or numeracy). At times context work will be set. This may replace the regular set tasks.

P5-7:

Now your child is becoming an independent learner homework will develop their time management, personal responsibility and organisational skills.

Weekly spelling or vocabulary task. A termly literacy task will be issued. Numeracy links for suggested websites will be sent home to support the learning in class. On occasion numeracy tasks will be given out.

What's helpful to know about homework?

It's quality that matters, not quantity - the kind of homework your child does is often more important than the amount. How we learn is as unique as our fingerprint so every child might well approach homework differently. Please encourage and support your child to do their homework independently, to the best of their ability, encouraging neat presentation and offering help as appropriate e.g. with spelling, layout, reading, finding resources etc.

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 knowledge, but a positive and encouraging attitude to your child's learning that really matters. Some examples of how best to support learning could be reading a bedtime story, talking about your child's day, visiting the library or a place of interest.

Homework is issued from the third week of term 1 and the second week of each subsequent term. No homework will be issued on the last week of term.

If a homework task is causing your child frustration or confusion then **please stop**, and using the homework diary, inform the class teacher. Additional support will then be given by the class teacher. At Cambusbarron Primary we offer a **Friday lunchtime homework club** where staff are available to help with any questions and provide materials as required.

When circumstances prevent homework being completed please inform the class teacher. If homework is repeatedly unfinished the class teacher will discuss this with your child and contact you if required.

Just a reminder that on occasion homework may be interrupted due to school events, staff absence or unforeseen circumstances.

Parents have the right to opt their child out of homework by providing a written note to the class teacher.

Marking and feedback

All homework is valued and will be used to support learning. Marking of homework may take many forms such as class or individual discussion, stamps, Teacher comments or peer assessment.

Homework Diary

The homework diary will be used to clearly outline homework tasks and when it is to be completed by. Be aware that if homework is not handed in on time it may not be marked.

Generally children will have a week to complete homework tasks, however some activities may be given over a longer period. This will be clearly signposted.

Parents/carers are asked to sign the diary when a task is completed to best of their child's ability.

We encourage parents/carers to communicate via the homework diary if they have any comments or concerns regarding their child's homework. If homework is a cause for concern **please let us know**.