

Murrayfield Primary School

Homework Policy

The purpose of this statement is to ensure that parents, children and teachers are clear about the practice in Murrayfield Primary School.

Home work is given for the following reasons:

Practice of skills

Homework can give children extra practice in the skills they have learned in school e.g. maths, spelling, reading. Extra practice increases the children's speed and confidence and helps them to remember what they have been taught.

Preparation

Sometimes children may be asked to prepare a piece of new work at home, ready for discussion in school. The work that is set will be within the child's understanding and existing range of skills e.g. preparing for a class talk.



Collecting Information and/or Material

Sometimes children will be asked to collect information and/or materials from home e.g. in connection with the Curriculum for Excellence.

Catching -up

Sometimes if children have fallen behind with their class work, they may be given a certain amount of it to do at home. This can happen if the child has been absent or has not managed to complete work within the time available. Such catching-up allows the child to keep pace with his/her group without hindering the pace of the other children in that group.

Development of Independent Learning

Regular homework promotes independent learning and good work habits. The extra practice helps children to cope with their school work.

WHAT WORK

Please note that homework may be different due to the Curriculum for Excellence examples are given below for the different stages

P1- P3

Reading with an adult daily whether prepared reading provided by the school or library/ or book from home. Comprehension work will be given in class and this will determine the rate at which your child will progress. Other areas may include numeracy, other literacy skills and Curriculum for Excellence topic work.

P4 - P7

Reading should continue. Other areas may include numeracy, other literacy skills i.e. literacy circles and Curriculum for Excellence Interdisciplinary work.

Involvement of Parents

Homework promotes partnership with parents, and gives them opportunities to share in their children's learning. Teachers value parents comments in the diary. Please remember that your child has been working hard in school all day and should not be asked to sit for hours doing homework. The teaching staff know the capabilities of your child and the homework set will be achievable. The important thing is to establish a good working pattern by ensuring your child completes their homework in time and returns it by the due date.



The date work is to be completed by will be put in the diary or reading record.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Check your child's diary / reading record for his/her homework every night.
- Offer encouragement and guidance.
- If the homework takes too long to complete for any reason, write a brief note in the jotter, worksheet or diary.
- If it appears that the method has changed and you do not know how to help your child, contact the school. We will be happy to help.
- Always read and sign the homework to show that you saw it completed
- If your child does not complete his/her homework we will inform you and ask for your support.
- Provide a pencil. Occasionally a ruler, scissors or coloured pencils may be required.



The best way to help your child is to be patient and encouraging. If there are problems contact the school. We are always happy to help.

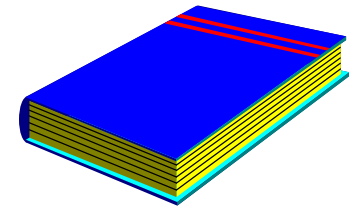


Procedure for non return of Homework

1. Discussion with pupil.
2. Standard letter issued by class teacher.
3. Follow-up by Management Team.

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