

Extension Homework Activities

Some children enjoy further developing their own learning and some parents are enthusiastic to help support their child.

Suggested opportunities for this could include:-

- Using local libraries to borrow books to read or reference books to enhance interests or help with project research
- Using the internet to research information
- Visits to museums, art galleries and other educational centres of interest
- Using the computer to develop skills
- Write a story or poem linked to the project or something of interest.
- Children who bring in pieces of work always get the opportunity to share it with the class
- Play board games with your child
- Play simple oral games with your child (eg I Spy, tables practice, simple problem sums linked to shopping)

Home/School Partnership

We like to involve parents in their children's work and to show parents are aware of the work their child is doing, staff would appreciate if parents look at and sign their children's homework.

Conclusion

Developing positive attitudes through completing homework will help children establish the philosophy of continuing lifelong learning.

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Homework Policy



HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an important part of a child's education. It helps to build home-school links and is a reinforcement of classroom learning. While parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's homework, the pupil should be capable of completing their homework independently.

In primary one for the first term children will be issued with homework packs, similar to Learning Packs they were using before commencing school, in preparation for being given set homework in term 2.

Benefits of homework

Homework

- teaches pupils about time management
- teaches pupils to work independently
- gives parents the chance to see what is being learned in school and be involved in their children's education
- teaches pupils how to take responsibility for their learning
- teaches pupils to set priorities for their life long learning
- will promote confidence through success and achievement
- is good preparation for transition to secondary education

Homework will encompass aspects of the school curriculum, developing skills and will be matched to pupil's age and ability.

A clear explanation is given to each child weekly and is sent home in their folders.

In order for children in Primary 7 to prepare for the Academy they will be given various times for homework to be handed in commencing about half way through their Primary 7 year.

Recommended times to be spent each day on homework:

(including Reading)

Early Stages

Approx 20 mins

Middle Stages

approx 30 mins

Upper Stages

approx 40 mins

If there is a particular reason why homework cannot be completed by the time given then extra time will be allowed if the pupil explains the problem to the teacher in advance of the deadline.

If a child requires extra help or guidance they need to ask the teacher.

If a child fails to complete the homework without an explanation then the child will -

- Lose Golden Time
- Complete homework at Golden Time

If a child repeatedly fails to complete homework then the parent will be invited to discuss the problem with the class teacher

Presentation/Layout

Homework Jotter

Before children begin their homework they are required to put the title 'Homework' and add the date at the left hand side of the page (in the margin if there is one).

Homework requires to be presented ensuring:

- a sharp pencil is used
- a rubber is used when necessary
- homework sheets are named and dated

Children should take pride in their own work, always try their best and produce quality work. This will be recognised by staff through praise, written comments, stickers and the issue of homework certificates.