

Homework Guidelines

Why does my child have homework?

Homework provides an opportunity for your child to practise and extend work done at school, to take responsibility for their work and also gives parents an opportunity to become involved in their child's work.

How long should my child spend on homework?

P1 - P3 15 minutes per night

P4 - P5 20 minutes per night

P6 - P7 25 minutes per night

Difficulties

Please let the class teacher know if your child is having difficulties completing homework. If homework is taking significantly longer than the times set out above, it is important that we know.

When will my child have homework?

P1 - P3 will receive their homework nightly, P4 - P7 will normally receive homework weekly. Reading may be given at weekends.

Unfinished work will normally not be sent home but that will vary according to the circumstances. Work will not be given to a child who is going on holiday. There may, however, be some catch up work to do on the child's return.

What type of homework will my child get?

Each child will get reading and spelling, the amount varying according to stage. Some stages will receive number work. In the upper stages, research and a variety of other activities will be given.

How do I know what homework has been set?

Each pupil will have a reading record or a homework diary. Parents should sign homework. If you wish, you can write comments in the diary or reading record. The diary should also help children to know when their homework is due.

How much help should I give my child?

Each child should be able to manage their homework as it will be based on their schoolwork and will have been clearly explained. However, guidance, encouragement and praise should be given. In the early stages, more help should be given, especially with reading. It would be a good idea to set aside about 15 minutes each day to work with your child.

Useful items to have at home

- pencils
- rubbers
- ruler (cm)
- colouring pens or pencils
- calculator
- dictionary and thesaurus
- encyclopedia

We would advise you to check your child's homework instructions, praise them for their work and take care not to correct too many mistakes!

Parent Signature: _____