

Parklands Primary School

Homework Policy

Inspiring Success





PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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At Parklands Primary School, we believe that homework can play a valuable part in a child's education; thus, we expect all children to complete the homework that they are set. Homework is primarily designed to support the learning that has taken place within the classroom. It also encourages children to work independently and helps to promote the partnership between home and school life.

The aim of homework is to:

- involve parents / carers in their child's learning
- encourage children to develop the confidence, skills and motivation to learn and study independently
- consolidate and reinforce learning that has taken place within school
- exploit the resources of the home setting to enhance learning opportunities
- to develop good work habits for future learning

Responsibilities of the School:

- The class teacher, in liaison with their year group colleagues, is responsible for setting homework and ensuring that the demands are manageable.
- As the speed at which children work varies, it is not possible to give a precise length of time in which homework should be completed. The table below provides guidance as to the amount of time homework should usually take:

Year Group	Time spent on reading / spelling / timestables daily (activities may vary in different year groups)	Time spent on English tasks weekly	Time spent on numeracy tasks weekly
Nursery & Reception	10 minutes		
Year 1 & 2	15 minutes	25 / 30 minutes	25 / 30 minutes
Year 3 & 4	15 minutes	40 / 45 minutes	40 / 45 minutes
Year 5 & 6	15 minutes	45 / 50 minutes	45 / 50 minutes

- Homework will be related to the learning that has taken place in the classroom prior to the time that it is set, except at times when home research may be necessary
- Homework will be carefully planned alongside the planning of school based learning

- Homework will be differentiated according to the ability of the child. English and numeracy activities should require minimal support from parents / carers
- Guidance, including examples where appropriate, will be provided to children and parents / carers so that all concerned are clear about the requirements of the tasks
- All homework will be given using the schools agreed format
- All homework that is given in on time, will be marked and any comments, verbal or written, will be constructive and in line with the schools Marking Policy
- Teachers will keep a register of completed homework and discuss, by phone or face to face, with parents / carers if there are any issues with any work set
- When homework is not returned teachers may contact parents / carers to discuss and ensure that work is returned
- Teachers will be responsive to the needs of individuals e.g. be flexible if homework is causing confrontation at home or if a child unwell / tired or not able to be supported at home
- Teachers will be sensitive to home situations e.g. availability and access to resources at home
- The homework set could be consolidation / practise, investigation / research and English / mathematical activities, online sites / paper / worksheet based
- Homework should be stimulating and challenging

Responsibilities of Parents / Carers:

Parents / Carers will be encouraged to:

- Provide an appropriate setting in which their child / children can complete their homework with the minimum amount of distraction / disruption
- Provide the necessary equipment for their child / children to complete their homework
- Praise the efforts of their child / children
- Inform the teacher if their child has any difficulties with the homework. These can include: whether the tasks seemed too hard or too easy, whether it took too long to complete, how much help they had to give or gave, why the homework was not completed
- Allow children to access the internet when available and necessary

Homework Arrangements:

- Homework will be set and given out on Thursday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday.
- Homework will be set from the first week of each term for year 1 through to year 6 and then weekly thereafter.
- Homework for reception classes will mainly consist of reading but other tasks specifically relating to the children's learning will also be set.
- Within a year group the same content and quantity of work will be set.
- There may be occasions when it is not appropriate to set homework e.g. concerts, residential trips, SATs week, etc.
- Homework will be set during term time and where necessary during school holiday time.
- Homework will not usually be set for children who are absent from school because of illness, unless the nature and duration of the illness make it appropriate for work to be set.
- Homework is not set for children who are absent from school because of holiday taken during term time

