



Homework Policy

Why do we do set homework?

Children who get into regular homework routines do better at school.

The purpose of homework in our school is: -

- ✓ to give extra help in subjects such as reading, spelling, multiplication tables
- ✓ to spend extra time practising what they have learned at school
- ✓ to encourage research skills using computers and books from home or Ladybrook/Mansfield Library
- ✓ to get our children into the habit of homework for their later education
- ✓ to foster an atmosphere of parents and school working together

What sort of homework will my child get?

- ✓ Throughout school we encourage children to take home their reading books.
- ✓ Children have lists of words to learn.
- ✓ Children have multiplication tables to learn.
- ✓ We will set homework that extends learning in school.
- ✓ On other occasions we encourage the children to find out information for themselves at home.

How much time should be spent doing homework?

Until 2012, there were national guidelines setting out how much time children should spend doing homework each night. These have been scrapped. However, we recommend: -

60 minutes a week for 6 & 7 year olds
90 minutes a week for 8 & 9 year olds
30 minutes a day for 10 & 11 year olds

In practice we recommend it's better to do a little every day rather than one long session a week. When learning to read 10 minutes a day at home, is fine. School will provide parents with a weekly homework timetable.

Advice to parents

- ✓ Try to choose a regular quiet time to help your child and get into a routine.
- ✓ If possible, make a space available for your child to work.
- ✓ Try not to be impatient, children learn some things very quickly and other things take longer.
- ✓ If your child obviously wants to do something else first it might sometimes be best to let them, so that their mind will be on their homework.
- ✓ Be sympathetic and praise your children when they complete homework.
- ✓ Try to build some sort of reward when homework is completed.
- ✓ Remind your child to take in work on the appropriate date, but work towards them becoming independent.

Finally, if you have any concerns please come and see us.

Together, we can achieve anything!



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