

Riverbank Primary School Homework Policy

Rationale

Riverbank Primary School aims to set high standards when it comes to homework. Learning at home is seen as an important step in a child's learning journey throughout school and we want to ensure we get that right. This policy has been created in consultation with teaching staff, parents and our Junior Leadership Team.

Homework is entirely voluntary and will be available for you to complete if you wish.

Aims of Homework

- To consolidate learning that takes place in school
- To allow parents to be a part of the learning process
- To enable shared discussion between parent and child
- To inform parents on their child's progress

Types of Homework

An overview will be shared at the start of each term, sharing what will be covered in class. There will be suggested activities that can be done at home to help with this. Homework will be shared on Showbie every Monday of most weeks. A range of tasks will be provided for the week ahead. It is up to individual children/families if and when they complete the tasks. The class teacher will provide feedback for any homework submitted. At times reading books may be sent home for extra practice too. Library books from school may be taken home to read.

Homework will be left open over a weekend to allow children in busy households time to complete with families.

Spelling words will be shared weekly with suggested activities that can be worked on. Homework will be a mix of Literacy and Numeracy or be part of their interdisciplinary learning. Each month there will be some PATHs tasks to ensure a shared understanding of what we do in school.

If a jotter, or paper copies of activities are needed, contact the school office and these will be provided.

Time for Homework

We believe homework should be a positive experience and be achievable by all. It should not result in hours of frustration or cause upset. We recommend the following time allocation:

P1 and P2 – no more than 10 mins

P3 and P4 – no more than 15 mins

P5-P7 – no more than 20 mins

These times are for guidance only and may change depending on the task.

Homework Routines

Homework will start on the third week of each term and will finish on the second-last week of each term.

Homework should always be carried out by the child. Adult support at home is very important and we believe the quality time spent with your child during this is important too. We ask that parents/carers encourage their children's independence in most homework tasks.

It is parent's/carer's responsibility to speak to the school about concerns around homework. An appropriate environment in the home, such as no television/video games/distractions helps to set the tone for productive homework.

This policy will be reviewed in session 2027-2028.