

Policy Statement Raysfield Junior School

Homework

RATIONALE

Members of staff are very keen to maintain a very positive link between home and school, and recognise that there are instances when children benefit from homework activities.

PURPOSE

- To have a clear and effective policy that is easily understood by all concerned -children, parents and teachers.
- To reinforce learning and support children in their application of learnt skills and understanding.
- To encourage a shared responsibility between home and school, for the children's learning.

GUIDELINES

Homework: The amount of homework set will increase as the children progress through the school, broadly in line with national guidelines.

Homework will consist of a focus on developing understanding in English and Maths, along with opportunities to explore learning in other subjects, as follows:

- Maths homework will be set once every other week in Years 3 and 4, with once a week in Years 5 and 6. This will relate to the week's Maths topic.
- English homework will be set once every other week in Years 3 and 4, with once a week in Years 5 and 6. This should relate to the week's English focus
- We expect children to take a "Reading Book" home. The children should read at home at least 5 times a week, for at least 10 minutes a time.
- Optional 'topic work' will also be given, to be completed over a number of weeks, aiming to inspire children to take their learning further, through their own research and a range of activities, including oral presentations, art, drama, written work, and physical hands-on activities. Good work will be rewarded in line with the rewards and sanctions policy.
- Parental help: we actively encourage parents to support, encourage and share their children's homework with them.
- All homework is valued by staff and given recognition by the class teacher.
- If children are unable to complete homework at home, they are invited to the weekly afterschool homework club.

- Homework is available weekly on the school website.
- Timings: children are expected to complete as much as they can, for each piece of homework, *within 20 minutes*.

Other work at home:

- Members of staff are willing to offer (to parents) professional advice about additional work which might support the work already being done in school-time.
- On certain occasions, it will be suggested by the class teacher that personal homework is provided.

Communication:

To ensure effective communication between home and school, all children will record their homework in a homework book. This will be used for written work also, with some activities being completed on worksheets.

Wherever possible, children will be set homework on the same day each week, enabling a consistency and allowing families to manage for themselves the best times for the homework to be done. This is to enable other enriching activities to take place, without conflicting with work from school.

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