

Homework Policy

Introduction

In Holy Family NS we consider homework to be part of the learning process. Therefore, the staff of our school came together at a staff meeting to give some guidelines to parents on homework in our school

Rationale

Homework is given for a number of reasons:

- It allows children to revisit work already done in school
- It helps children make progress with their learning
- It helps to involve parents in their children's learning
- It gives children an opportunity for independent learning and study
- It forms a link with the method of study used in secondary school

Teachers may also use homework to

- Assess children's progress
- To suggest areas for improvement
- Get an overall view of the child's performance in school
- To help decide if extra support is needed

Guidelines

The following are guidelines of homework in our school. There are times when teachers may give extra or different homework.

We have given suggested times for homework – these times are based on children working on homework with no distractions.

We suggest children are given a quiet place to do homework – away from the distraction of TV, phones, Ipads, games etc. We give equal importance to oral and written homework. For children to improve at reading and maths they must read at home and must learn tables.

All children benefit from listening to stories and reading books with adults.

Junior and Senior Infants (20 to 30 minutes)

Children will have a nursery rhyme each week (see list on school website).

They will bring home two PM readers a week for reading.

They may have an English or Maths sheet.

Children will have words to learn or words to sound out and also their sounds to practise.

1st and 2nd class (30-40 minutes)

Children will have a page of reading each night from class reader or a PM book.

In 1st class children start with 2 sentences a night and this will progress to 4.

In 2nd class children start at 3 sentences a night moving to 4.

Work it Out Maths Workbook

Spelling (List given out on Monday for the week)

In 2nd class children may also be given work from their Spelling workbook.

Tables start after midterm in 1st Class.

3rd Class (40 minutes)

Maths – Work it Out

Spelling and Tables every night

Starlight: Reading from story and one activity each night.

Gaeilge – Verbs

Book in a bag

4th Class (45 Minutes)

Maths: Work it Out

Tables and Spellings every night.

Starlight: Reading from story and one activity.

Novel reading and activities

Gaeilge – Reading/verbs/sentences

*Project work or work from History/Geography book

5th and 6th Class (1 hour – 1 hour 15)

Tables and Spellings

Sums from Mathemagic

Gaeilge – Reading, writing, spellings and verbs

English – Reading and Writing

*Project work – History, Geography, Science, Religion.

Teachers giving extra support

Children getting extra support with learning may get maths or English work from their support teacher.

The work given will be organised in discussion with the class teacher. Some children may get reading/spelling from the support teacher only

Assessment.

Parents/guardians should sign children's homework diary every night to support children's learning.

Homework is generally corrected the next day by the class teacher but on occasions it may not be corrected until a later date.

We consider homework to be part of our school life. All children should do the allocated homework every night. Reminder letters about homework not completed may be sent home.

As part of our Code of Behaviour children who do not complete homework on a regular basis may not be allowed to take part in after school activities or special treats.