

Newlands Primary School Home Learning Policy



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Home Learning Guidelines

At Newlands we define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Newlands Primary School we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- It can inform parents about work going on in class;
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some one to one adult time;
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts,
- addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- It helps to foster good habits of organization and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Homework at our school

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, Newlands Primary School is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; children are not punished if they fail to complete the work. However discreet homework registers are kept and if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and their parents.

Our routines and expectations

It is our expectation that all homework is completed to the very highest standards of both content and presentation.

Regular reading is the key to ensuring children reach their full potential. Ideally reading should be with an adult and follow the times set out in this document.

All classes give out weekly homework on a Friday. If it is a piece that needs handing in, it is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings will be given out every Friday for a spelling test on the following Wednesday.

Times tables will be tested every Friday.

The work should always have been explained and discussed in class before coming home; it may be a continuation of classwork, or a maths games already familiar to

your child. It is our intention, and good practice, not to send work home that the child cannot already do i.e. parents are not expected to teach new skills.

The tasks set will not always need to be handed in; there are other ways in which teachers will respond or give feedback, for example, sharing results in class discussion or putting work onto a display.

Broadly speaking these are current expectations:

Year group	Activities
Reception	Daily reading, one weekly task.
Year 1 & 2	Daily reading (10 minutes), daily talking about learning in school (10 minutes). At parents discretion use of Reading Eggs or Education City (please see classroom teachers for more details).
Year 3& 4	Daily reading (15-20 minutes), weekly spellings, weekly times tables, one weekly task rotated around literacy, numeracy or topic work.
Year 5 & 6	Daily reading (20-30 minutes), weekly spellings, weekly times tables, two weekly tasks rotated around literacy, numeracy or topic work.

We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil or pen.

As far as possible, homework will be related to class topics. This is important as it helps parents to know more about what is going on in class and to support enthusiasm for learning.

Increasingly teachers are using the internet for homework. This may be directing children and parents to play a specific game from Interactive Resources or, to comment on a blog. You are reminded to keep your child safe online by ensuring adult supervision and parental control on devices are in place.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring homework is completed on time and to the highest possible standards. Teaching staff will only chase missing/substandard homework once during each new term.

In the few weeks prior to SAT tests, the Year 6 children will be given additional revision work.

If you have any concerns regarding homework, please talk to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.