

Richmond Primary School



Homework Policy

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Why have homework?

Homework is a means of:

- consolidating work carried out in class
- involving parents in their children's studies
- developing good work habits.

However, against this must be balanced each child's needs for play and for pursuing hobbies.

Thus, homework should not exceed 30 minutes in Primary 1 and 60 minutes in Primary 7 (on occasions it may exceed 60 minutes).

- P1 Reading & written homeworks (Maths or English) four nights per week from January – June. October to December – homework as deemed necessary by teacher.
- P2 Reading and written homework four nights per week. Spellings from January – June.
- P3 Reading, Spellings, Number Bonds, written/learning homework four nights.
- P4 Reading, Spellings, Number Bonds (Sept & Oct), X tables (Nov – June), written or learning homework four nights.
- P5 Reading, Spellings, X tables, written/learning homeworks four nights.
- P6 Reading, Spellings, Tables, written/learning homeworks four nights.
- P7 Reading, Spellings, Tables, written/learning homeworks four nights.



Conclusion

It is very important that parents are actively involved in their children's homework. As the children progress through the school they should work independently and parents can simply monitor their efforts. There are specific things we would ask of you in relation to your child's homework.

1. Parents should listen to their children read each night that such work is set and ask questions about the story to check understanding. Children can often learn their reading but may not remember the same words in a different context. For children P1 – P3 it can be good practice to ask them to read words which you choose randomly from their reading homework in order to reinforce the learning.
2. Parents should help children by asking spellings, number bonds and tables. If you insist that answers are written rather than just spoken, it is more likely that they will be remembered.
3. Parents should show a child that he/she is interested in how they do their work. We would like homework to be well presented and if a parent feels that a homework is poorly done they should get the child to repeat it. Parents will receive full support in this from school. **Please do not tear out pages from exercise book.** If a child is experiencing major difficulty in understanding a written homework please contact the teacher by written note.
4. Parents should set a realistic time scale for the completion of homework and should ensure that children have a quiet place to work. The television switched on or other children playing in the room will only distract and make the homework tasks more difficult to complete properly.
5. Parents are asked to sign written homeworks.

We would anticipate that Key Stage 1 homework should usually take about 30 minutes and Key Stage 2 homework no more than 60 minutes. If parents support their children in the ways suggested above, homework tasks will be of benefit.