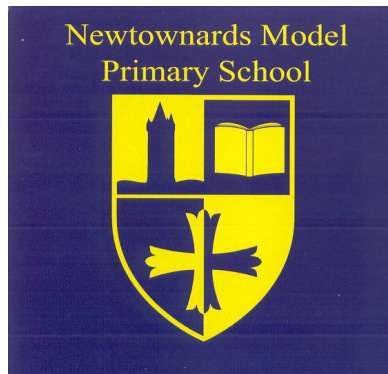


NEWTOWNARDS MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Homework Policy

HOMework

Newtownards Model Primary School views homework as an important part of every child's education. We ask that parents/guardians show an interest in their child's work by talking to them about what they are learning/completing. Children will receive a detailed homework plan for the week, detailing what homework is to be completed. Where appropriate, homeworks are differentiated to target the ability of the children. It would be appreciated if all homework books, reading cards and worksheets are signed by an adult at home.

WHY HOMEWORK ?

For the child:

- It is a means of reinforcing what they are learning in class
- To give him/her a chance to work independently at home
- To improve confidence and foster a good work ethic.

For the parent/guardian:

- To make the parent aware of the subjects their child is learning about at school.
- To allow the parent to show an interest in the work their child is doing and assist in reinforcing their learning.

HOMework HABITS:

School is most appreciative of the support given by parents and offer the following guidelines in relation to homework:

- check the Homework Sheet / school bag to find out what has been set.
- give your child a quiet place to work.
- listen to reading and talk about what has been read.
- ask spellings and tables.
- check written homeworks, ensuring that they have been completed satisfactorily.
- sign written homeworks each night.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

Included below are some 'time' guidelines for homework. Obviously there will be differences depending on the child, the homework and the setting. However, if homework is taking a significantly different amount of time than indicated, please let us know. If difficulties are encountered it is extremely helpful if parents write a short note at the bottom of the homework to inform the teacher.

FOUNDATION STAGE:

Year 1

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Written Homework Pack: given on Monday for return on Friday
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

Year 2

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Written Homework Pack: given on Monday for return on Friday
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

KEY STAGE ONE

Year 3

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Written Homework Pack: given on Monday for return on Thursday
- Tables/Number Facts: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Spelling: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

Year 4

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Written Homework Pack: given on Monday for return on Thursday
- Tables/Number Facts: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Spelling: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

Time for Written Homework: 20-30 mins approximately

KEY STAGE TWO

Year 5

Time for written homework is 30-40 mins approximately

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Tables/Number Facts: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Spelling: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Written Homework 2 x Literacy 2 x Numeracy
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

Year 6

Time for written homework is 40 mins approximately

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Tables/Number Facts: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Spelling: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Written Homework 2 x Literacy 2 x Numeracy
- When appropriate practical/learning activities may be given

Year 7

Time for written homework is 40-60 mins approximately

- Reading: Monday - Thursday
- Tables/Number Facts: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Spelling: Monday – Wednesday. Revision on Thursday night
- Written Homework 2 x Literacy 2 x Numeracy
- When appropriate practical/learning/research activities may be given

Submitting Homeworks

In school, we are aware of the significance of homework in your child's learning and as such expect all children in school to complete homework to a **high standard** and return it to **school on time**. There are however mitigating circumstances which may prevent this on occasion.

If a child consistently fails to submit homework the following sanctions will apply.

1. Children are asked to return work the following day if it has been forgotten.
2. Persistent lack of homework will result in children completing the homework during play time.

Sickness

If a child is absent from school due an illness, homework can be provided upon request.

Holidays

As Newtownards Model Primary School does not condone absence during the school term for family holidays, staff are not required to provide children with school work for the duration of the unapproved absence.

If you have any further concerns or questions about homework, please make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher.