

PARKHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

HOMWORK POLICY

2020-21

OUR AIMS

At Parkhill Junior School, we aim to:

- Ensure the needs of the individual child are taken into account
- Ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding of the school's expectations of them and the child
- Encourage parents, children and school to work together

The purpose of homework is:

- To develop an effective partnership between the school and parents/carers, in pursuing the aims of the school
- To consolidate and reinforce knowledge, vocabulary, skills and understanding across the Parkhill curriculum.
- To encourage children, as they progress, to develop the resilience and responsibility needed to study autonomously.

Reading

Children should spend at least fifteen minutes reading, every day, a balanced variety of genres, texts and authors. This may be reading with an adult or independent reading. Every child will have a reading book which is provided by school but can also be a suitable book from home. Children are expected to read a fiction book and non-fiction book at all times. Other reading should also be encouraged, e.g. newspapers, online news, magazines, instructions, etc. If your child is an independent reader, talking about the book and aspects of the storyline are important. Comments in the *Reading Record* books should be made daily, by the child, parent/carer or teacher. Every new reading book must be approved and 'signed off' by the class teacher.

Spellings

Each child is expected to learn a set of spellings each week which include relevant spelling patterns and topic vocabulary to support learning across the melting curriculum. Children are tested through a dictation method, where the word is placed in a sentence to provide context.

Multiplication tables and related division facts

By the end of Year 4, every child is expected to have rapid recall of multiplication facts. Every child is expected to learn their tables in the following order: 2,5,10,3,4,8,6,7,9,11,12.

Children in Year 3 and 4 are expected to access the Times Table Rockstars website and practise their recall for at least 10 minutes, at least three times a week. Weekly battles are also set for all year groups, where children can practise and compete against each other, to earn towards a weekly certificate for their class.

Homework Support

Maths and English parent workshops, at the beginning of the academic year, provide clear guidance on how to support your child's learning at home. All homework set, including instructions and guidance, is uploaded onto our school website. Homework Club is open, all year round, to all year groups.

Resources

As homework is **assigned and completed through Google Classroom**, children need access to a computer and internet. If this poses a problem, please see the class teacher and paper copies can be provided.

Schedule for homework tasks/activities

| Year group | Subject | Handed in or tested |
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| <u>Year 3</u> *This should take no longer than 20 minutes for each task/activity | Spellings *Maths *English P.E. | Friday Wednesday Wednesday |
| <u>Year 4</u> *This should take no longer than 30 minutes for each task/activity | Spellings *Maths *English P.E. | Friday Wednesday Wednesday |
| <u>Year 5</u> *This should take no longer than 40 minutes for each activity | Spellings *Maths *English P.E. | Friday Wednesday Wednesday |
| <u>Year 6</u> *This should take no longer than 40 minutes for each piece of work. During the spring term, there is an intensive revision programme which may require extra homework being given out. | Spellings *Maths *English P.E. | Friday Wednesday Wednesday |

On Friday, the homework task is explained to the children, by the class teacher. All homework is directly linked to work explored in class. Once submitted on a Wednesday, homework is acknowledged by the class teacher and is reviewed as a whole class, where children are given the opportunity to ask questions and clear any misconceptions.

Weekly PE homework will be a short and essential physical activity which parents need to ensure is being completed.

If at any time, your child is experiencing difficulties or is unable to complete the set work, please see the class teacher for support.

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