

# Clerkhill Primary School



## Home Learning Policy

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# Primary 1:



## Homework

### Reading:

From the beginning of Primary One, your child will receive a story book home twice a week. It is essential that you spend time sharing this book with your child and completing any related work.

### Phonics:

Your child will be taught two new sounds most weeks. The Phonic Sheet will be sent home for you and your child to practise the sound /sounds and the accompanying action. The sounds being taught that week will be displayed on the class notice board (window). After a group of sounds have been taught, a Jolly Phonics Sounds Sheet will be sent home to practise. Please encourage your child to LOOK at the letter, SAY the sound and DO the action. Word boxes will be sent home with your child for them to practise blending skills. Tricky Word flipbooks will be given home to help your child practise sight vocabulary. These should be practised on a regular basis.

### Numeracy/Maths:

This will be homework linked to the numeracy/maths being taught in class and will be sent home when required with clear instructions.

Most Weeks	As Required	Optional Extras
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading - 2 books per week</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths task -related to class work</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rhyme Packs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New sounds - 2 most weeks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project tasks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonic activities/games</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jolly Phonics Sounds Sheet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter/Number formation practise</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tricky Word flipbooks</li></ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Word boxes for blending practise</li></ul>		

*If you are unsure about any of the above, please talk to a P1 teacher.*

# Primary 2



## Homework

### Reading:

Your child will usually receive a reading book home twice a week. Listen to your child read and encourage him/her to sounding out any unknown words. Please ask some simple who, what, when questions to check your child's comprehension of the story. Encourage your child to retell the story, in their own words, without looking at the book.

### Phonics:

Your child will take home phonic homework most weeks. This could be a new sound taught in class or revision of sounds we have been working on. An explanation of the task will always be given in the homework jotter, either at the front or on the page to be completed.

Tricky Words homework may be given and you will be asked to read each word to your child and ask them to read the word to you.

Most Weeks	As Required	Optional Extras
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading – 2 books per week</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simple research task related to class work</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra spelling activities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sound of the week &amp; activities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths challenge</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra handwriting practise</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tricky word flipbooks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quick recall of number bonds</li><li>• Letter formation practise</li><li>• Fluency books</li></ul>	

*If you are unsure about any of the above, please talk to your child's class teacher.*



## Homework

### Reading:

Your child will usually receive a reading book home twice a week. Children should read this book aloud to an adult. After reading, discuss any new words they have learned and punctuation that they can see. Also, ask your child to retell the story in his/her own words.

### Phonics/Spelling:

Your child will be taught a new sound most weeks and there will be a spelling activity to complete. These tasks will vary during the term.

### Numeracy/Maths:

This will be homework linked to the numeracy/maths being taught in class and will be sent home when required with clear instructions.

Most Weeks	As Required	Optional Extras
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading – 2 books per week</li><li>• Spelling/phonic tasks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra spelling activities</li><li>• Fluency books</li><li>• Handwriting practise</li><li>• Letter formation practise</li><li>• Games/activities to reinforce key skills</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Glow page</li><li>• List of suitable websites made available to parents</li></ul>

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## Primary 4-7 Homework Policy

### Home Learning Journals



Having analysed the responses to our on-line homework survey, and consulted with parents, we have decided as a staff to trial a new **Home Learning Journal** for our P4-7 pupils.

This new format will hopefully provide more flexibility for our pupils and their families, as we appreciate that children who take part in extra-curricular activities, can be, very busy after school, some days.

Inside your child's **Home Learning Journal** there will be an **Activities Sheet** which will list the homework activities children are encouraged to complete during the term. Children can complete these activities all in one go, or, they can choose to spread them over a few weeks. Whatever works best for each child and their family.

Class teachers will let pupils know when their **Home Learning Journals** are due to be handed in by and will '**check-in**' with pupils during the term to ask how they are getting on.

Your child will also be given a small **Spelling Jotter** which they will take home on a weekly basis so that they can revise their new sound or spelling rule for that week. Reading will also continue to be given on a weekly basis, most weeks.

Homework will begin, week two after the Summer holidays to give children time to settle in to the new session.

There will occasionally be weeks during the term when spelling lists and reading will not be given, such as the short weeks of the Mid-Term break but class teachers will keep you informed of this.

We have taken the decision, as a whole school, not to issue homework during the month of December, due to this being a very busy time of year for children and their families.

We will be reviewing our new Homework Policy in January and look forward to gaining your views on our new approach.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Home Learning Journal - Activities - EXAMPLE

Due to the amount of extra-curricular activities that some children participate in after school, we have decided to make the completion of Home Learning activities more flexible.

At the beginning of each term, P4-7 pupils will be given a selection of activities to complete within a given time scale. This will hopefully provide more flexibility for children and families.

We will be looking to run a Homework Club at selected times during the year for our P4-7 pupils. Parents are welcome to attend with their child if they wish. Dates and times will be issued shortly.

Home Learning Activities to be completed in Term 1 by:	Please tick  ✓  Did you complete this activity	Traffic Light    Did you enjoy this home learning activity?
		
Copy out your weekly spelling lists in your best handwriting.		
Practice spelling words on Spelling City.		
Find at least five facts about Harvest and display these in your Home Learning Journal. Remember to think about your presentation skills.		
Reading challenge - try and read for at least 15 minutes each school night.		
Using the Book Review Sheets in your Home Learning Journal, write a review on two novels you have read in school or at home.		
Use the multiplication and division fact flash cards to practise your recall of the 6 times table		

*Once you have completed your Home Learning Journal activities, your class teacher may ask you to share these with a Buddy, to discuss your learning.*