



Stranmillis Primary School

Homework Policy

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Purpose of Homework

At Stranmillis Primary School homework is seen as serving the following purposes:

1. To encourage self-discipline and personal organisation.
2. To create additional time for structured learning.
3. To bridge the gap between home and school.
4. To allow parents direct involvement in their child's learning.

General Principles

- The setting of tasks to be undertaken at home will be normal practice in P1 - 7.
- Homework will normally be set on a Monday for the week ahead.
- The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of the child, and according to the programme of work at the time.
- Tasks set will vary in their nature.
- Tasks will include reading, learning of maths facts, spellings, and reinforcement of learning from class.
- Additional homework will not be set simply because a child is being taken out of school for a family holiday.
- Homework should be set for clearly defined purposes.
- Homework set should be followed up in class and it should be made clear to children that, unless clearly specified, homework tasks are not optional.
- It is important that homework is returned to school or uploaded to Seesaw on time.

Homework Pattern

Homework will consist of

P1 & P2:

- Reading/phonics (daily)
- 1 homework task - written, practical, project, ICT per week

P3 – P7:

- reading (daily)
- spellings (daily)
- maths facts / tables (daily)
- 2 homework tasks - written, practical, project, ICT per week

General Points

- Children will gain most from their homework when parents engage with the process and encourage their children to submit work of which they are proud.
- Children should not be set written homework during the last two weeks approaching Christmas or Summer holidays.
- Children should not be set any homework during the last week approaching Christmas, Easter & Summer holidays.