

Loughries Integrated Primary School

Homework Policy

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Loughries Integrated Primary School sees Homework as an integral part of the school curriculum and therefore each child from P1-P7 will be expected to do some homework each week.

Purposes of Homework:

1. To ensure children fulfil their potential in Language and Numeracy.
2. To encourage children to become self-confident with their skills and independent of their teacher.
3. To reinforce and/or practise new concepts and topics introduced in the classroom.
4. To develop the children's ability to work regularly, independently and use their initiative.
5. To involve the parents in the learning process.
6. To encourage neat presentation of work.
7. To develop research and reference skills through dictionary and project work.

The role of the Parent/Guardian:

1. To provide a suitable, quiet place to work.
2. To talk about the homework and the importance of carrying out homework tasks.
3. To check deadlines and help the child develop time management skills.
4. To give praise for the successful completion of the work.
5. To sign the completed work.
6. To inform the teacher of any problems or difficulties the child is presenting in relation to the homework that could not be resolved at home.

Primary 1/2

Homework will gradually be introduced to Primary 1 children. Primary 2 children will start from the beginning of September. Homework in P1/2 will consist of reading and word practice once the children are ready to read. Children will complete one or two practical/written/talking and listening homeworks per week. Parents should sign the homework book to show it has been completed. Children should spend a maximum of 10-20 minutes on homework in P1/2.

Primary 3/4

Reading, spelling and table facts are a constant feature of homework four evenings per week Monday – Thursday. Thursday night should include revision of the week's spellings for a Friday test. Written homework is given two times a week to reinforce class work or to assist in the learning of spellings or tables. Occasionally tasks may be given related to our class topic. Parents are requested to sign all homeworks to show work has been supervised. Children should spend a maximum of 30 minutes per night on homework in P3 and 40 in P4.

Primary 5/6

Written homework will be given from Monday to Thursday each week. Parents are asked to sign the homework planner each evening. In addition to this there will be reading, spelling and Maths facts set for P5 and reading, spelling, Maths facts and Literacy facts for P6. Reading will be set each week. Children in P5 should spend a maximum of 40 minutes a night on homework and 50 minutes in P6.

Primary 7

The children will receive homework from Monday to Thursday. They will be given two Literacy and two Numeracy activities each week. (The children may be given a topic homework instead of a Literacy or Numeracy). The children will be given spellings to learn Monday to Wednesday and then asked to revise all of the spellings for a Friday Focus. The Friday Focus book will be sent home every Friday so that the children can complete any corrections and also so that you can monitor your child's progress. At the start of P7 the children will be asked to develop their quick recall of the table facts. The children who choose to take the GL or AQE will be given a paper to complete at home over two nights. Reading will be set Monday to Thursday. Your child should never be without a book and you should encourage them to read 15 minutes every day.

All homework is to be recorded by the pupil in their Homework Diary and make mention of any notes that should be given to parents. Some pupils may be given a homework chart at the start of the year and if possible will gradually be asked to copy down their homework themselves. Parents are asked to sign the homework diary each evening. In doing so they have indicated that they have checked each piece of work and have seen that it was completed well and they have read any correspondence sent home by the school. Children should spend a maximum of 50 minutes on homework in P7. The children who are studying for the AQE/GL may take 60 minutes to complete all homework. No extra written homework will be sent home on the day they have a paper to complete.

General rules:

1. Parents are asked to point out and assist children with the correction of homework. They are not expected to do it for their child.
2. If parents encounter problems with timing (taking longer than recommended time allowance) or with difficulty of content they should consult with the class teacher.
3. Parents are asked to sign homework as directed by the teacher. This will let the teachers know that the work has been completed to the best of the child's ability.