

HOMWORK POLICY



Why is homework given?

- Homework is given to reinforce what a child has learned during the day.
- To provide a link between class teacher and parents.

When is homework given?

- Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Homework may be assigned on Fridays:
 - if homework is neglected during the week.
 - in senior classes some project work may be undertaken at weekends.
- Sometimes, at the discretion of the teacher or principal, children are given "homework off" as a reward or as an acknowledgement of a special occasion. This applies to written homework only.

Homework Content:

- In general, homework is meant to be achievable by pupils working on their own to the best of their ability and is differentiated to match their ability.
- Ideally homework will contain a balance between reading tasks, learning tasks and written activities.
- The balance is not always achievable and can vary from day to day. However, it should be noted that homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important to that given to written homework.
- It is expected that all homework assigned will be completed. A high standard of neatness and penmanship is expected.

It is important to remember that it is quality and not quantity of homework that matters. The following are general guidelines:

~ Infants	0-20 minutes
~ Rang 1&2	20-30 minutes
~ Rang 3&4	30-40 minutes
~ Rang 5&6	40-60 minutes

Role of Parents/Guardians:

- Set a suitable time for homework, provide an appropriate working environment and ensure their child has all necessary books and equipment to complete homework.
- Encourage their child to do their best, observe the work, give credit for effort and check over completed work.
- Prompt and guide if help is necessary. However, homework should be the pupil's own work. Any difficulties arising or if homework is not completed should be communicated to the class teacher by writing a note in the homework journal or by making an appointment to speak with him/her. **Parents are asked to sign homework journal /sheet each night when homework has been completed.**