

"LET PEACE BE FOUND HERE"

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HOMEWORK POLICY

RATIONALE

Children's classroom learning will be consolidated through the setting of tasks to be completed at home. These activities related to the children's level, would provide a way to practise and hone skills learnt in class.

Such tasks provide a link between the class and home giving parents an insight into the children's learning. Such activities promote active participation of parents at home, joining in the learning partnership between home and school.

Homework activities foster personal work habits where children are encouraged to further organise themselves without the direct guidance of their teacher in class. This may involve organisation of time and resources.

GUIDELINES

The children at our school will be expected to undertake homework tasks under the following broad guidelines: ***Monday – Thursday.***

YEAR	APPROX. TIME	ACTIVITIES
FOUNDATION	P 10 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Numeracy.• Literacy - Reading/Spelling• Prep Home Program
YR. 1/2	15 to 20 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading/Word work/Spelling.• Number facts/Tables.• Handwriting
YR. 3/4	15 to 30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading/Spelling.• Mental Maths• Number facts/Tables.• Projects.
YR. 5/6	20 to 40 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading/ Spelling.• Mental Maths.• Tables.• Projects/Assignments.

NOTE

Selections of the listed activities will apply at different stages within the year; but the basic Numeracy/Literacy type skills such as Reading/Spelling are encouraged to be practised nightly.

Expectations will vary as the children develop and as needs arise. This will cater for individual children's abilities and circumstances.

CONSEQUENCES

As a consequence of this policy:

- ◆ We shall encourage the development of more independent working learners.
- ◆ We shall provide another communication link between the classroom and home and foster the learning partnership between teachers and parents.

We will provide parents with an information letter should homework not be satisfactorily completed. In cases where homework has not been reasonably completed, children will spend time at school under teacher supervision to do so.