

Redland Primary School

Homework Policy

Why is homework important?

- It raises your children's achievement
- It consolidates and extends the work they have done in school
- It helps to inform you about your children's school work and allows and gives you the opportunity to support this work
- It is a valuable life skill and develops good work habits for secondary school and future employment.

What sort of activities should children be doing?

Our homework activities are related to the work your children are doing at school but will not always be written work.

FS2

Reading
Phonics
Early maths activities

KS1

Regular reading
Spelling and key word activities
Information gathering
Occasional Maths or topic activities

The Year 2 pupils – during the summer term will have weekly Maths and English homework in preparation for KS2.

Puffins, Nightingales and Buzzards

Each week pupils will be given English and Maths activities to last in total up to 1 hour (there could be a focus greater on one subject each week e.g. 40 mins English – 20 mins Maths)

Each week, alternating spellings and timetables
Homework is given out on the Friday – due back into school on the following Wednesday

Key Activity Homework.

One activity per topic – two weeks to complete this piece of work.

Even though as children become more independent, it would still be appropriate and beneficial for parents to listen to their children read at this stage at least twice a week.

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## **Kingfishers and Falcons**

Up to two hours per week for Literacy and Numeracy, spelling and times tables on alternative weeks or terms. Homework is set on a Wednesday and to be returned by Monday.

### **Key Activity Homework.**

One activity per topic – two weeks to complete this piece of work.

### **Learning Groups Activities**

After October half term – remains the same length of time, but will be set by the teacher running the learning group. This work will be in a different set of books. Spelling and times tables still set by their normal class teacher. This homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned to the Learning Group teacher on Mondays.

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Curriculum letters

Parents will be informed of these arrangements at the beginning of each year.

Feedback on your child's homework

The children need to know how well they have done and what they could do better. Sometimes work will be discussed in lessons, or teachers may give written comments on just one or two aspects of a piece of work. If a child has difficulties with a piece of homework, they should discuss it with their teacher or you might wish to discuss the problem with us yourself.

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### **Should I help my child with homework?**

Homework allows you to see what your children are doing and to support their learning. This partnership between school and home is a vital part of successful education. We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved - as long as they do not take over too much!

If you are unsure about how much help to give, you should discuss it with your child's teacher. They will be pleased to see you and will help you to get the balance right.

### **11 things you can do to help your child learn**

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement.
  - *You have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence - and confidence is vital to learning.*
  - *Provide specific praise that focuses on a particular aspect of their work. Comments such as "I like the way you have..." is more effective than "you're clever".*
2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
  - *Parents and carers should encourage their children to read to themselves, for at least 20 minutes a day.*

3. Encourage your child to observe and talk about what they see, feel, think etc.
  - *Even young children can be helped to read notices and signs, for example, and understand what they mean.*
4. Make use of your local library.
  - *Look out for special events and services for children.*
5. Visit museums and other places you think your child might find interesting.
  - *Children now have free admission to major national museums and art galleries.*
6. Try to provide a reasonably quiet and suitable place where your child can work and show that you and all members of the family value and respect the homework activity.
7. Try to set time aside to support your child's homework activities whilst also allowing some independence where appropriate.
8. Encourage your child to discuss homework with you, including feedback from teachers.
9. Try to help your child to see the enjoyable aspects of homework.
10. Help your child to see the importance of homework and teach them to become more independent and take more responsibility for themselves as they get older.
11. Remind your children to complete and hand in homework on time.

**Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We want your children to succeed and enjoy their learning both at school and home.**

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