**MAGHERA**

**PRIMARY**

**SCHOOL**



**HOMEWORK POLICY**

**MAY 2016**

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**1. The Purpose of Homework**

* To encourage pupils to develop the skills needed for independent learning
* To practise, consolidate and extend the skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the classroom
* To foster a link between home and school so that parents become involved in their child’s education
* To prepare for the child’s future education by establishing a pattern of learning beyond the school environment

**2. The Role of the Teacher**

* To plan and prepare appropriate homework suitable to the child’s age and ability
* To explain the homework
* To mark the homework as soon as possible and provide oral/written feedback to the

Child

To inform parents if children are regularly failing to produce homework or if the standard is unacceptable.

**3. The Role of the Parent**

* To provide a suitable quiet place to work
* To help the child develop good time management skills
* To help the child manage themselves by ensuring homework deadlines are met
* To talk with the child about the homework offering support where necessary
* To ensure the child understands what he/she is doing
* To give praise and encouragement
* If homework tasks are taking too long to complete, parents may endorse unfinished work

as having taken the allocated time

* To inform the teacher if there are persistent difficulties when completing homework

**4. The Role of the Child**

* To ensure that he/she understands the work set before going home
* To ensure that homework is completed in a quiet place
* To ensure that homework is completed in a set time
* To ensure that work is done neatly and to the best of his/her ability
* To ensure that homework is complete and returned to the teacher on time

**5. Homework Tasks**

Homework tasks will include Reading, Spelling, Written English and Numeracy including Mental Maths.

**Reading**

At Maghera Primary School, reading forms an important part of every homework. Children have an assigned reading homework. It is important that parents hear their children reading aloud regularly and engage in discussion about their reading. We also encourage children to spend time reading library books, magazines and newspapers in addition to set homework.

From Primary 2 – Term 2 spellings is included as a homework task. We use Nelson Thorne

**Homework Tasks**

Homework is normally set on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Children will also have reading material (e.g phonics, extra reader) which are part of reading development. Pupils in P7 and P7 may have additional homework.

Pupils on the Special Educational Needs Register will have homeworks tailored to their individual needs.

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| Class | Approx. Time | Homework |
| Primary 1 | 15-20mins | Numeracy, Literacy, Phonics, Topic work, Reading |
| Primary 2 | 20-25mins | Numeracy, Literacy, Phonics, Topic work  Reading Spellings (Terms 2/3) |
| Primary 3 | 25-30mins | Numeracy, Literacy, Phonics, Topic work  Reading, Spellings, Tables |
| Primary 4 | 25-30mins | Numeracy (Mon/Weds)  Literacy (Tues/Thurs) sometimes Topic work  Reading, Spellings (x6) Tables (x6) |
| Primary 5 | 25-30mins (for written work) | Numeracy, (Mon and Weds) 20 minutes  Literacy (Tues and Thurs) 20 minutes  Reading (5 mins), Spellings(5 minutes), Tables (learnt) |
| Primary 6 | 25-30 mins | Numeracy on Monday and Wednesday  Literacy on Tuesday and Thursday(or other subjects as required)  Reading and words (10 mins) Tables (5 mins)  Spellings (5 mins) |
| Primary 7 | 30 mins | As above but reading and spellings may take a little longer. |