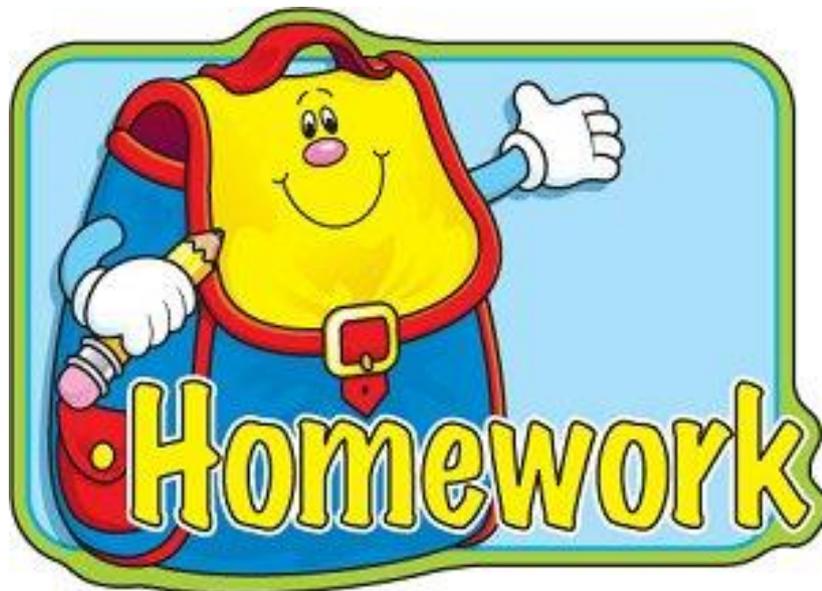


BALLYTOBER PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



At Ballytober Primary School we believe that homework plays an important part in school life. Children, parents and teachers benefit when careful thought is given to the form of homework most suitable to children's abilities.

Why do we have homework?

The main reasons for setting homework are:-

- ✓ To practice, reinforce and consolidate what is learnt in school.
- ✓ To promote study skills.
- ✓ To extend the child's learning from classroom to home.
- ✓ To forge and develop the link between home and school.
- ✓ To encourage and maintain parental involvement.

Homework will be given by every teacher Monday – Thursday.

How long should pupils spend on homework?

The following is a guide to the **approximate** length of time pupils should spend on homework each night. Some pupils may take a little longer while others may finish in a shorter time.

Primary 1 15 minutes

Primary 2 20 minutes

Primary 3 25 minutes

Primary 4 35 minutes

Primary 5 45 minutes

Primary 6 60 minutes

Primary 7 60 minutes

***Pupils are strongly encouraged to spend extra time reading.
There will be no homework at weekends or during holidays.***

Reading for pleasure

- The importance of the parent's role in reading books to young children and with young children cannot be emphasized strongly enough.

- Similarly it is vitally important that older children who have become independent readers spend time reading books of their own choice.

- The school's libraries have a good selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

- The local community libraries should also be visited regularly. From time to time the teacher's discretion may be used to waive homework.

Homework and ICT

Pupils will be given regular opportunities to complete homework tasks using ICT eg. word processing, producing information through diagrams or graphs or researching information. Provision will be made in school for those pupils who do not have computer access at home.