

Tempo Primary School



Homework Policy

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Signed:
Chair of the Board of Governors

Date:

Homework Policy

Tempo Primary School sees value in children engaging in homework activities as a means of:

- a) Reinforcing work carried out in school according to their ability in class*
- b) Reinforcing current or previous class work*
- c) Discovering information to enhance learning in school;*
- d) Involving parents in their children's education;*

Against this must be balanced each child's need for recreation and the development of private interests and hobbies:

Time spent on homework may vary but a guideline is as follows:

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

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>25 minutes</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>35 minutes</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>60 minutes</i>
<i>Year 7</i>	<i>60 minutes</i>

What type of homework will pupils have?

Year 1	<i>Literacy and Numeracy Activities</i>
Year 2	Reading and Related Activities Spellings <i>Counting and Number Facts</i>
Year 3	Reading Spellings and Related Activities Number Facts/Tables Other Written/Practical Homework
Year 4	Reading Spellings and Related Activities Number Facts/Tables Other Written/Practical Homework
Year 5	Reading Spellings and Related Activities Tables Other Written/Practical Homework
Year 6	Reading Spellings Mental Mathematics/Tables Other Written/Practical Homework
Year 7	Reading Spellings Mental Mathematics/tables Other Written/ Practical Homework

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

Work will not be provided for children taken out of school for a family holiday during term time.

- The amount and frequency of homework should increase as a pupil gets older.
- Homework will begin on the 3rd full week of term.
- Homework will not necessarily always come in the form of a written task.
- Homework is normally set four nights a week (it may not always be a written homework) for all classes i.e. Monday – Thursday night and should reflect a child's age and ability.
- Homework is not set for completion over the weekend, this includes a Friday night.
- Homework will not be set for completion during school holidays.
- Reading, the learning of spellings and mathematical facts/tables/mental arithmetic activities form important elements of all homework set.
- Parents/carers are requested to sign homework diaries.
- In Primary 2 – Primary 7 spellings are set Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The children should revise the week's spellings on a Thursday for a spelling for a test on a Friday.
- There may be occasions when no homework will be set e.g., individual pupil reward, class reward, or in light of a special event happening.
- If a homework activity is taking too long to complete, parents/carers should endorse unfinished work as having taken the allocated time.
- Teachers will inform parents/carers if children are regularly failing to produce homework.
- Homework will be marked as soon as possible and in line with the school's **Marking Policy**.
(Reference: Marking Policy)

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.

What can parents do to ensure that homework's become an effective means of supporting the learning process?

- Pick a regular time each day.
- Do not leave homework until late in the evening when children are becoming tired.
- Turn off the television etc. and avoid distractions.
- Older children should, if possible, go to a quiet room to do their homework.
- Do not spoil the whole evening because of a homework.
- Try not to spend more than the appropriate time on homework.
- Try to avoid confrontation!

What can teachers do to ensure that homework's are an effective means of supporting the learning process?

- Homework should be closely related to class work.
- When marking, teachers should ensure that comments made are positive and constructive.

How will parents know what homework their child has been given?

- Pupils will have their homework written down in a homework diary or placed in pre-prepared work packs.

What should parents do if their child has problems with homework?

- Parents should note the problem in the homework diary or it may be preferable to speak to the teacher.
- Parents should inform the teacher concerned if, on a regular basis their child takes longer than the recommended time to do their homework. The issue can then be addressed in partnership.

Your child should be able to complete their homework with a good degree of independence. If your child is having trouble with a homework activity, you should discuss the problem with your child and if difficulties still exist, please contact the class teacher.

Written homework is set on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Homework each Thursday may be of a written or learning nature e.g. revising spellings and number facts/ tables learned during the week for a short test on Friday.

Remember – Each child learns at his/her own pace and so you should never compare your child's progress to another child. The class teacher uses their professional judgement to set suitable homework which will reinforce and build on your child's learning.

This homework policy will be regularly monitored.