

# GREENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HOMEWORK

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We will work towards creating the school that values each individual part,  
be willing to work together in creating a happy, purposeful and caring  
community that promotes belonging and learning

Homework helps fulfil our mission of working together by supporting developing an effective partnership between our school and parents/carers in pursuing the aims of the school.

The purpose of homework is to reinforce and consolidate skills and understanding, across all areas of the curriculum.

- Extend and complement school learning
- Encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own
- Prepare them for the requirements of secondary school

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding about expectations of themselves and the pupils
- Improve the quality of learning experience offered to pupils
- Extend and support the learning experience via reinforcement and revision
- Provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership
- Ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout school

Homework may be differentiated to take into consideration the individual needs of the child and according to the activity a degree of parental help may be necessary. Working with your child as he/she does their homework can be a very useful way of reinforcing understanding, particularly when working at challenging activities. However it should be noted that homework provides an opportunity for children to develop skills of independent learning, and this should increasingly become its main purpose.

Discussion on a topic, current affairs or events with parents or family members to prepare for class discussion later

Some of the following homework may be set on a regular basis:

### **Reception**

Letters and sounds Book to reinforce phonic recognition  
Common Words to learn by sight  
Shared reading activities  
Library book  
Bringing Contributions or finding basic information for topic work on request  
Other literacy or numeracy activities where appropriate

### **Year 1**

Key words  
Shared reading activities  
Library book  
Finding basic information for topic work on request  
Phonic Work/Literacy Activities  
Numeracy Activities

## **Year 2**

Home reading book  
Library book  
Spelling investigations  
Mental arithmetic practise  
Finding basic information for topic work on request  
Other Literacy, Numeracy or topic activities where appropriate

## **Year 3**

Home reading Book & Library book  
Literacy/Numeracy/Science reinforcement/extension  
Foundation subjects research/reinforcement/extension activities  
Work to finish

## **Year 4**

Home reading Book & Library book  
Literacy/Numeracy/Science reinforcement/extension  
Foundation subjects research/reinforcement/extension activities  
Work to finish

## **Year 5**

Independent reading & Library Book  
Literacy/Numeracy/Science reinforcement/extension  
Foundation subjects research/reinforcement/extension activities  
Work to finish

## **Year 6**

Independent reading & Library Book  
Literacy/Numeracy/Science reinforcement/extension  
Foundation subjects research/reinforcement/extension activities  
Work to finish

When families take time off school during term time for family holidays, homework and reading books are not given. On request from parents for homework, a holiday diary is suggested.

When children are absent, through illness, for more than one week, reading books and some suggestions for work to be covered **may** be sent home following consultation between school and parents.