



Armada Primary School



Homework Policy

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At Armadale Primary School, we firmly believe that:

Education is a life-long process. A child's education does not cease when he /she leaves our school premises, learning at home is an essential part of good education.

"Homework" is any work or activity completed outside lesson time, either alone, with parents, or others and homework make an important contribution to progress at school.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
Malcolm X

From the Early Years simple games, learning spellings, and of course, reading with parents provides valuable opportunities for the practice/reinforcement of key skills in a supportive environment. As children get older, they need to develop the habit of regularly devoting short periods of time to personal study. All children are expected to take part in a variety of homework tasks to enhance and support their work in class.

This homework policy is designed:

- To ensure consistency of approach throughout the school
- To ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility
- To ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding about expectations for themselves and the pupils.
- To extend and support learning
- To provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work in partnership and enjoy learning experiences

The emphasis of homework activities is on the development of skills of literacy and numeracy. From time-to-time children may bring home a piece of work they have missed through absence, or for further reinforcement. Other activities are added as children move up the school. Regular reading is vital.

It is our policy to set homework as follows:

Primary 1- Primary 7

Every month this homework would be deemed to be **essential**.

- Reading books will be allocated by the teacher for reading. These may vary for the length of time these would be read in school and at home dependant on the age and stage of the learner.
- We ask that all reading books are returned to school daily as these are used in school too.
- Infant classes may also send home common words to learn along with weekly sounds

- Maths homework will be allocated in various forms Active Learn/internet games/rote learning of tables/number bonds all which will correspond to the learning in class

Each month additional homework tasks will be issued which are deemed to be **voluntary** and pupils will be given more details at the time.

November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Art Focus	RME Focus	IDL Focus	PE Focus	Science Focus	PE Focus	HWB Focus	Technology Focus

Please note: Homework tasks will vary as to the needs of the individual class and the individual child.

Aims:

- ❖ Develop an effective partnership between school and parents for each child's education, as children achieve more when teachers and parents work together
- ❖ Consolidate/reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy
- ❖ Utilise resources for learning available at home
- ❖ Extend school learning
- ❖ Develop confidence, independence and the self-discipline needed for personal study in preparation for secondary school and beyond
- ❖ Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together to enjoy learning experiences
- ❖ Encourage children to develop long term strategies for future needs

How staff at Armadale Primary School support this policy:

- By providing a range of homework tasks and activities.
- By ensuring that the children have a clear understanding of the tasks involved and a common understanding of the high expectations held of them individually, according to their ability
- By communicating with parents and keeping them informed of children's progress, projects and topics studied in class and their children's individual tasks.

How parents /carers can help to support their children:

Your HELP, ENCOURAGEMENT and PRAISE is the key to success.

- Provide somewhere peaceful for children to work without the distractions of television, other family members and pets
- Provide a suitable place equipped with a clear table space, chair and good light
- Provide encouragement and support to children when they require it
- Support the school in explaining and valuing homework
- Encourage pupils and praise them when homework completed
- Be actively involved in the homework (particularly of younger children)

- Share with school any issues arising from homework for example by a comment in a reading record. We would also be interested in hearing how well the children completed other activities, whether they were interesting / too easy / too hard, etc

Children are expected to:

- Make full use of any opportunities they are presented with
- Tackle home tasks promptly and with a positive attitude
- Take pride in their presentation and content, acknowledging the high personal standard expected
- Be organised to look after and return books and completed tasks on the agreed dates.

Difficulties with homework

If you experience difficulties undertaking any element of homework with your child, please contact the school to discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Other childhood activities:

- We value the time children spend with their families, therefore, the school does not believe that homework should get in the way of pupils' participation in other enriching activities such as sports, hobbies and visits. As far as practically possible, the school will work with parents and carers to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to participate in such activities.