

Braehead Primary School

Homework Guidance

At Braehead, we believe homework should be meaningful, enjoyable and manageable. Homework provides opportunities for children to practise skills, develop independence, foster curiosity and share their learning with their families.

Homework is designed to complement learning in school rather than replace it. We recognise that children have different interests, family commitments and learning styles. Quality family time, play, rest and participation in clubs and activities are all important aspects of children's wellbeing. Teachers will provide an offer of homework and encourage engagement with tasks but ultimately, completion of homework activities is a choice for individual families.

Our homework reflects the values of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence by encouraging children to become:

Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens & Effective Contributors

Our Homework Principles

Homework should:

- Reinforce learning from class.
- Encourage reading for enjoyment.
- Develop responsibility and independence.
- Be achievable without causing stress.
- Offer choice whenever possible.
- Promote family discussion and real-life learning.
- Celebrate effort as well as achievement.



Homework should never become a source of anxiety. If a child finds a task difficult, parents should stop the activity and inform the class teacher.

Homework Overview

Teachers will plan and prepare homework tasks for most weeks across the school year. Tasks will not be set in the initial or final weeks of a term or during busy periods eg Concerts, Parents' Evenings etc.

Our homework offer is designed to be **proportionate, progressive, and purposeful**. We aim to provide activities that reinforce classroom concepts while remaining manageable for families at home.

Stage	Activities (weekly)	Suggested Timings
Primary 1 (Learning Packs will be issued)	Reading books (Fri-Mon) Active Numeracy Task Word Walls for tricky words/phonics	5/10 minutes 3 times per week
Primary 2 & 3	Reading books (Fri-Mon) Numeracy / Maths Task Word Walls for tricky words/phonics	10/15 minutes 3 times per week
Primary 4-6	Reading Task Literacy Task (Spelling) Numeracy / Maths Task	10/15 minutes 3 times per week
Primary 7	Reading Task Literacy Task Numeracy / Maths Task	15/20 minutes 3 times per week

At the beginning of Term 1, class teachers will share the details of their homework offer within their welcome newsletter. In the Early Years, pupils may complete tasks within a set homework jotter whilst learners from P4 onwards will be encouraged to access digital learning tasks via Google Classroom, TTRS, Sumdog etc.

Feedback from Teachers

Homework may be:

- Discussed in class.
- Shared with peers.
- Self-assessed.
- Celebrated during assemblies.
- Used to inform future learning.

Not every homework task will receive written feedback, but all learning is always valued.

How Parents / Carers Can Help

You can support your child by:

- Providing a quiet space.
- Encouraging good routines.
- Praising effort.
- Talking about learning.
- Asking questions rather than giving answers.

- Helping organise time.
- Contacting school if homework becomes difficult.

Homework should encourage independence. It is not expected that parents complete work for their child.

Reading at Home	Numeracy at Home
Reading remains the most valuable homework throughout primary school. ● Reading together regularly. ● Talking about stories. ● Visiting the local library. ● Listening to children read aloud. ● Encouraging independent reading. ● Reading recipes, signs, magazines, comics and newspapers. Even older children benefit from reading aloud and discussing books.	Numeracy develops through everyday experiences such as: ● Shopping ● Cooking ● Measuring ● Telling the time ● Budgeting ● Playing board games ● Card games ● Counting money Real-life maths helps children understand why numeracy matters.

Homework ideas for families to try...

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
Focus: Developing routines through play. ● Share a bedtime story. ● Practise sounds. ● Find letters around the house. ● Count toys. ● Sort objects by colour or size. ● Play matching games. ● Draw a picture and talk about it. ● Help prepare a simple snack. ● Build with blocks. ● Go on a nature walk.	Focus: Building confidence. ● Read with an adult. ● Practise common words. ● Count in 2s, 5s and 10s. ● Measure ingredients. ● Keep a weather diary. ● Write labels around the house. ● Play number games. ● Complete simple scavenger hunts. ● Help set the table. ● Draw favourite characters.	Focus: Increasing independence. ● Independent reading. ● Multiplication practice. ● Keep a reading journal. ● Interview a family member. ● Research an animal. ● Learn a poem. ● Create a poster. ● Use maps. ● Design a healthy meal. ● Learn about local wildlife.

Primary 4 Focus: Applying learning. • Read different genres. • Times table practice. • News discussions. • Research Scotland. • Conduct a simple science experiment. • Write instructions. • Budget for a shopping list. • Learn Scottish vocabulary. • Complete outdoor challenges. • Create a presentation.	Primary 5 Focus: Thinking critically. • Read novels. • Book reviews. • Maths problem solving. • Family surveys. • Research famous Scots. • Learn about sustainability. • Create quizzes. • Cook using fractions. • Build models. • Learn basic coding.	Primary 6 Focus: Independence and responsibility. • Reading challenges. • Weekly spelling practice. • Mental maths. • Debate current issues. • Research careers. • Keep a reflective journal. • Plan a family budget. • Complete STEM challenges. • Learn first aid basics. • Practise presentations.
Primary 7 Focus: Preparing for secondary school. • Independent reading. • Extended writing. • Revision activities. • Research projects. • Enterprise challenges. • Budgeting activities. • Time management planning. • Digital presentations. • Community involvement. • Goal-setting reflections.	These activities encourage learning beyond the classroom and celebrate learning together. 	

At Braehead Primary we believe that Homework should be a positive experience that supports learning, builds confidence and strengthens the partnership between home and school.

We appreciate the support families provide. Together we can help every child develop a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

