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Beauly Primary School - Homework Policy

Rationale

At Beauly Primary we feel that homework helps build links between home and school, adds value to children's learning and builds valuable lifelong learning skills.

It helps those at home to find out about what their child is learning in school and how they can support their child's progress. However we also acknowledge the important role of play, after school activities and free time in a child's growth and development and recognise this in planning homework activities. Above all, we aim to work together to help children reach their potentials and foster a positive, encouraging attitude to children's learning.

Aims and objectives

- To develop important life skills such as organising and managing time effectively, problem solving and positive learning habits
- To encourage independence, responsibility and confidence
- To consolidate and build on work taught in school
- To promote partnerships between home and school while supporting and encouraging a positive attitude to learning
- To increase pupils' self-esteem and understanding that their achievements are valued both by home and school

When is homework given out?

For P1 during terms 1 and 2 homework will be issued on a day to day basis to support class teaching. For ALL pupils homework will be given out on a Monday and should be handed in on a Friday. However if children complete homework prior to Friday it can be handed in early. Homework will not be issued during the first and last weeks of term. However, there may be times during the session where other activities, such as class assemblies or seasonal events may take precedence over regular homework.

What homework will be issued?

Pupils will be given a variety of homework activities which may include maths, literacy and other curricular areas. This may take the form of a game, activity or worksheet.

How can parents help at home?

We would like to encourage parents to discuss and support your child with their homework. Help them to think for themselves, giving guidance where necessary but allow them the opportunity to show their initiative and the skills they have learnt. All children learn differently. It is not your time or ability but a positive and encouraging attitude to your child's learning that we would like to adopt.

We encourage you to keep in touch with the class teacher and let them know immediately if you have any concerns, queries or difficulties with homework. If you can't complete homework for any reason, please just drop a note to let the class teacher know. We aim to make homework a fun activity to share learning not, to become a stress or an argument at home.

Checklist for parents

- Discuss with your child on a Monday what homework has been issued and when they plan to complete it. Help them to organise it throughout the week if possible.
- Supervise homework, discuss it with your child and encourage them to do their best.
- Praise good effort and share in achievements.
- Hear and discuss reading/participate in games when required.
- Support children to learn their spelling words.

How long should homework tasks take to complete?

We are conscious of the fact that many of our pupils are involved in activities in the evening which are valuable to their education, overall development and well being. Therefore, you should find that homework set should take no longer to complete than 20 minutes at any stage. You may find that younger children respond better to working in two or three short bursts rather than a longer session.