

Castleton & Glaisdale Federation

Homework Policy September 2017

The policy of Castleton & Glaisdale Primary Schools is that homework should be to support key skills and should not be overwhelming.

Staff believe it is important that children have time to participate in out of school activities but also have chance to practise key skills at home so parents are familiar with what is expected of children of their age.

Children would not be expected to spend an excessive amount of time completing homework and this should not take more than the suggested time below.

Homework will therefore be given as follows:

Infants: Supporting your child at home

Early Years Foundation Stage:

All children are given a sound book to help them with phonics practice.

Years 1 and 2:

Sounds and Key words may be given as required to secure children's spelling in class. These will be checked each time the children read, and changed when they are secure.

Reading:

All children are given reading books. Please do read with your child and enjoy the books they are given with them. Reading is fundamental to all other work in school and the time we all spend on this area in the early stages will really help your child to make progress.

Spellings:

Weekly spellings will be sent home.

Children will be given a reading chart to encourage them to read. A sticker will be awarded each time they read at home. When the sticker chart is filled, they will be able to select a prize from our treasure box.

Juniors

Reading Comprehension/Grammar Hammer (alternate weeks):

40 minutes max time to be spent. Given on Friday, due back the following Thursday. Reading Diary records updated weekly.

Maths:

40 minutes max time to be spent. Given on Friday, due back the following Thursday.

Year 6 may be given practice SATs papers to replace regular homework.

Please let us know if you have any problems with homework, and please do not spend longer than the suggested time, unless your child really wants to!

Further Points

Purpose of Homework

Homework supports learning in the classroom, enabling parents to be involved in their child's education and ensuring the child's education is a two-way process between home and school.

Homework contributes to lessons in school. It is not an additional, stand-alone activity. In KS2 in particular, a whole lesson involves the marking of homework. Therefore, it will be collected on the day before the lesson. If not received, the child will need to complete it at playtime so that he/she is not disadvantaged during the marking session.

Standard/Presentation

We expect homework to be of the same standard expected in the classroom. If not, it will need to be redone, neatly.

We expect at least 10 jottings for Maths homework. Jottings are essential to the Maths learning process. If you have questions about this, please ask the class teacher or Mrs Douglass.

Other Information

SMIRFs overview sent home.

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