

RINGSHALL SCHOOL

Homework Policy

We believe that homework can have a positive part to play in supporting children's learning. We agree that the main focus of homework, at Primary School level, should be on developing the children's enjoyment of learning.

Homework is not necessarily something we expect children to do on their own; particularly in the case of young children, it is the involvement of parents and carers in joint activities, which is most valuable in promoting children's learning. It is our policy that teachers will try to make clear to parents ways in which they can help their children.

Aims

1. to create a good home/school partnership and provide parents with an opportunity to take part in their children's education
2. to provide a very important opportunity for children to talk about what they are learning to an interested adult
3. to extend school learning and exploit all kinds of resources for learning
4. to help children develop skills and attitudes for successful life-long learning
5. to help children develop the self-confidence and self discipline needed for them to begin to study on their own as they get older.

How much home work will the children do?

Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One) - 1 hour per week including reading time

Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two) - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week

Home work will be set of Friday to be returned to school the following Thursday.

We also encourage parents to read to **and with** their children as regular reading, with parents and carers is vital to becoming a confident reader. As children become more fluent readers, they may prefer to read on their own. We have a booklet for parents giving advice on reading with their child. The Government suggests 10-20 minutes reading a day for all children of Primary School age.

Homework at Ringshall School is given in the following way:

- Practising skills learnt in the classroom
- Researching topics or themes
- Puzzles and problem solving
- Practical tasks such as making a model
- Keeping a diary