

Old Bank Junior Infant & Nursery School

Homework Policy



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At Old Bank, we are very committed to building strong home/school links. We know that education is most effective where there is a positive partnership between home and school. We hope that homework/learning at home will increase a child's enjoyment of learning and his/her understanding. We know that it is crucial that we offer support to parents so that there is a better understanding of how learning can be further extended at home. In this policy homework refers to any work or activity which children are asked to do outside of lesson time, usually with parents or carers.

Through our policy we aim to:

- Encourage a positive attitude to learning
- Consolidate and extend learning experiences and raise attainment
- Motivate learners
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers, children and school to work in partnership
- Ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility, including preparing Year 6 pupils for secondary transition

Teachers will undertake to:

- Set homework which is varied, has a clear focus and considers the differing ability levels of the pupils in the class
- Make sure that homework extends and consolidates work that has been done in class and mainly focuses on the areas of English & Mathematics
- Inform parents if children regularly fail to do their homework or if it is below the expected standard for that child
- Praise achievement and ensure that all homework is marked as soon as possible.

Parents will undertake to:

- Encourage their child to do their homework regularly
- Ensure that reading is carried out at home every night and sign children's organisers
- Provide a reasonably quiet place in which children can do their homework
- Engage with homework by asking their child to explain what work has been completed and what they have learnt
- Encourage and praise their child when homework is done
- Talk to the school if there are problems with homework

Children will undertake to:

- Carry out homework tasks as directed by their teacher
- Read every night at home
- Explain homework tasks and what has been learnt to their parents

Progression

All children will be encouraged to undertake homework from Reception to Year 6. In the Early Years, information about current areas of learning will be clearly displayed so that learning can be followed up at home.

Reception

Our Reception children are encouraged to read every night with an adult:

Year 1

- **Read every night with an adult**
- **Phonics Activities sent home**
- **Maths – X Tables practice**

Year 2

- **Read every night with an adult.**
- **Spelling Homework sent home weekly**
- **Maths – X Tables practice**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

- **Read every night with an adult.**
- **Spelling Homework sent home weekly**
- **Maths – X Tables practice**

All children have student organisers which are used for recording books taken home and any dialogue with parents.