



HOMEWORK POLICY

Date this policy was formally reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body of Kelvin Grove Primary School:	18.03.19
Signed on behalf of the Governing Body by:	
Signature:	
Date:	18.03.09
Details and dates of minor amendments:	18.3.19 reviewed and amended philosophy to homework and replacing homework and reading books
Date next full review is due:	Spring 2022

Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, governors, parents and visitors to share this commitment.



At Kelvin Grove Primary School we offer a rich and varied curriculum, designed to both broaden children's experiences and enhance their academic achievement. We recognise that school is not the only place where children learn. The experiences that children get at home, through clubs and family time is of utmost value to their development as well rounded young citizens.

It is for this reason that our homework programme is designed to enhance children's learning experiences, rather than encroach on family time.

Purpose of Homework

- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic development of their child;
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly with basic skills and the creative elements of the curriculum;
- To exploit resources for learning, of all kinds, at home;
- To provide an enjoyable and purposeful supplement to class work;
- To extend school learning, for example, through additional reading;
- To encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.

Our philosophy to Homework

Across school we have key principles for homework, although they are adapted for each phase:

- Daily reading practice
- Weekly basic skills homework:
 - Spellings (High Frequency Words/year group word lists as appropriate, adapted for level the children are working at. Year 1 – phonics focus)
 - mental maths skills – times tables focus, in line with the newly updated school times table awards.
- Additionally, each half term, each class will be set a project based on their class topic. The projects will be designed to allow children to showcase the powerful knowledge they have learned from their topic through an art based project, e.g. make a model of a Roman soldier with accurate armour and equipment. Use captions to explain each item's function and what materials it was made from.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

Children with special educational needs should be set homework that reflects their ability.

Home learning tasks related to practising basic skills must be differentiated by the teacher according to the child's ability.



Homework Club

A homework club is available for pupils from Year 1-6 after school to support children in completing their homework. Homework club is open to all children but can support children who do not regularly complete their homework, find it hard to find a quiet place to work at home or have problems finding resources.

Children who regularly fail to complete homework should be referred to homework club, in consultation with parents/carers.

Homework in Early Years:

In the Early Years we encourage parental involvement to establish a firm partnership between the school and home.

Reading: Books are sent home for the children to share and enjoy with their parents/carers.

Parents are asked to comment in their child's Home Reading Record.

Phonics: Phonics pots are given out in Reception and parents are asked to help their child practice the sounds and words. New sounds and words will be sent home weekly, as appropriate for each child.

Homework Options Menu: Additionally, parents are given a bank of activities related to our half termly topics that they can complete with their child. Books will be given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday.

Homework Programme for Key Stage 1:

Reading: 10 minutes daily with an adult. Please ask your child questions about the characters, setting and plot to check their understanding. Please comment in the Home Reading Record.

Spelling: Spellings will be set on a **Monday** and assessed the following Friday. Please look out for your child's spellings in their book bag.

Maths: A Maths activity will be set weekly which will focus on mental calculation, including number bonds and times tables. Guidance will be provided on a range of fun and practical ways that parents can support their child with maths at home.

Please note:

By the end of Key Stage 1, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Topic Project: See "Our philosophy to Homework" section.

Homework Programme for Key Stage 2:

Reading: 15 minutes daily with an adult. Listen to your child read and ask them questions about their book. Encourage your child to read across a wide range of



genres, including newspapers, journals and encyclopaedia. It is an expectation that this is regularly signed by parents/carers and this will be closely monitored by school.

Spelling: Spellings will be set weekly each Monday and assessed on a Friday. Please look out for your child's spellings book. It is recommended that children practice the spelling strategies that they have been taught in class.

Maths: A Maths activity will be set weekly which will focus on mental calculation, including times tables and related division facts. Guidance will be provided on a range of fun and practical ways that parents can support their child with maths at home.

Please note:

By the end of Year 3, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x 12.

Topic Project: See "Our philosophy to Homework" section.

Year 6 preparation for SATs

Additional activities will be set for Year 6 pupils as part of their preparation for KS2 SATs in May and to ease their transition into Key Stage 3. This may replace the "Homework Options Menu" in the Spring and Summer terms.

Replacing Homework and Reading Books

School has now introduced a **small charge of 50p** for any and each reading book, reading record or homework book which is lost or not brought back to school. We ask parents and carers to please encourage their children to look after these books and ensure they are returned each week.

Review

The governing body reviews this policy every two years. The governors may however review the policy earlier than this, if the government introduces new regulations, or if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.