

Homework at Ryecroft

Research over a number of years in this and other countries has shown that homework can make an important contribution to childrens' progress.

HOMEWORK: What is it for?

- Independent learning
- Consolidation
- Practice – learning by doing
- Self-discipline
- Research
- Pupil/parent/teacher partnership
- Work not suited to classroom situation

Homework diaries/link books

Each child receives a homework diary on entry to the school, so that homework and other associated activities can be entered. The diary is also a vital link between home and school. Parents are advised to comment on their child's schooling in the link book and likewise teachers may use the diary to communicate with parents or carers.

Form teachers regularly carry out diary checks to note any comments that parents may have made, check that children are recording homework tasks and to encourage pupils to meet the deadlines set by teachers. Members of the Senior Leadership Team also scrutinise homework diaries as part of their systematic monitoring of all pupils in school to ensure that the homework demands made of children are matched with the ability of the child and are reasonable in terms of the time required to complete the tasks.

Homework Club

For some children working at home can be a challenge. To enable these children to make the most of the homework set they have an opportunity to complete their work during a supervised homework session which takes place in the library at lunchtime.

Homework – Special Educational Needs

Setting the right type and amount of homework for children with special educational needs is not always easy. It is important that they should do as much in common with other children as possible. Tasks will:

- Give plenty of opportunities for pupils to succeed.
- Help develop social as well as other skills where necessary.
- Be varied – and not purely written assignments.
- Be manageable for teachers.

How parents and carers can help their children

- Try to provide a reasonably peaceful place for your children to do their homework.
- Make it clear to your children that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning.
- Encourage your children and praise them when they have completed homework.

How long should homework take?

It is expected that children in **Years 5 and 6** will undertake a **MINIMUM** of 30 minutes **each** of Mathematics, English and Science homework per week plus work set in other subjects on a regular basis. Children will also be expected to continue with their reading programmes.

In **Years 7 and 8** the time spent on homework should fall within the range of 45 – 90 minutes per day although this will vary over the academic year.