

HOMEWORK

Homework is set according to the learning structures and needs of individual children and groups by the class teacher. At different stages in a child's education there will be varied expectations as to the amount and format of set homework.

We believe the completion of homework has several purposes:

- * to develop time management skills
- * to reinforce concepts and skills taught in school
- * to keep parents conversant with children's work
- * to provide feedback for teachers on children's handling of set work and independent work skills

The following guidelines are provided for parents and teachers:

- * In general homework may be given weekly (eg Contract) in order to allow children some flexibility to cater for extra curricula activities
- * Homework should be relevant to class work
- * Guidelines for time allocated and parental involvement will be discussed at parent-teacher meetings early in the school year.
- * Teachers will consider the amount of, and due date of, homework at times when school and other events are infringing upon a group's or individual's routine.

The prime responsibility for completion of homework rests with the child.

- * Parents have a supportive role with regard to homework. Parents are encouraged to assist children by providing the necessary resources, listening to children and reading over written work. This support role should not take away from the prime responsibility of the child.

Parents may aid their children and support the teachers' role by:

- providing a quiet area in which to do homework,
- structuring a routine which balances homework, family and extra curricula activity
- setting realistic time limits for homework to be completed (as discussed during parent/teacher meeting at the beginning of the year),
- alerting the teacher as to any major difficulties the child has experienced in doing the homework,
- discussing with the teacher special needs or concerns in relation to homework as early as possible, so as a more beneficial routine is developed early. (This can be done by writing in the child's homework diary or homework book)
- encouraging and expecting a high personal standard of work