



Blackhall Primary School - Homework Policy, P3-7*



"The best thing you can do [with homework] is to reinforce something you have already learnt." Professor John Hattie

Following on from consultation and discussion (please see slides <https://blackhallprimary.co.uk/school-policies-and-documents/>), both school and home agree that homework exists to:

- Support and Consolidate class learning;
- Offer opportunities to practice and improve.

WHY?

At Blackhall, our teachers will make the purpose of homework clear to our children. Children will understand *why* they are being asked to complete the given tasks. These tasks are opportunities to practise and consolidate their learning. Practice Makes Progress.

WHAT?

READING

"Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background." (Pearson Education, UK)

Because of this, at Blackhall, we aim to:

- Encourage reading for enjoyment.
- Avoid extended/protracted/torturous sessions at home.
- Encourage adults at home to read with or read to your child/ren every day. This could be any appropriate material that interests adult/child.
- Work together to ensure happy and confident readers.

NUMERACY

Some short bursts of what has already been taught in school.
Avoid satiation – a tired or overloaded brain doesn't work.

LITERACY

Spelling/Grammar/Writing task, again for practice and consolidation.

ORACY

This is an extension of literacy.
Homework at Blackhall will encourage pupils to share/discuss/question at home, what has been learned in school.

WHEN?

Homework will be assigned on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday.

We value our children's free time and homework over a weekend is not encouraged but it may suit family life.

Homework will be given value by our teachers and staff and children but is not compulsory.

**Homework for P1-2 will look slightly different. At this stage of learning, the building blocks of literacy and numeracy require more prescriptive and directed practice. The principles of consolidation and practice, however, remain the same.*