



E-ACT Blackley Academy Homework Policy

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It should be noted that whilst homework can take on a variety of different forms, and most definitely doesn't always need to be written, or indeed recorded, we are committed to developing the key skills of our children; consequentially this is reflected in this policy.

Homework should not be too onerous or time consuming, and most certainly should not cause stress within a pupil's family. We encourage parents / carers to discuss any concerns/ suggestions regarding homework, with the class teacher in the first instance.

At E-ACT Blackley Academy, homework is set as follows:

Reading - Reading homework takes place every night. Children will be expected to read for a short while, every night. Parents/ carers should record a short comment. Class teachers should comment in the book once a week, praising good effort.

Spelling - Spelling words are set each Friday by the class teacher. Children will have a week to practise and then be tested the following Friday.

Maths - Maths homework is set on a Friday and tested on Friday. Maths homework is times tables or number bonds dependant on the child's ability.

International Primary Curriculum - At the start of each International Primary Curriculum unit teachers will send out a selection of activities that children can do at home with if they wish. These will not be formally marked and there will not be sanctions if the activities aren't completed. The work will be shared and celebrated in class. They will be returned to the children at an appropriate time.

Class teachers may set further homework from time to time as appropriate. Children will be given at least two evenings to complete any tasks. Mathletics and Spellodrome can be used as frequently as parents/ children choose at home to help the children develop basic skills.

EYFS

In Nursery throughout the year, children take home:

- Playclub Bags that contain fun learning activities to complete at home linked to Letters and Sounds – Phase 1.
- A reading for pleasure book from our Lending Library
- Number bags that have fun activities to improve basic numeracy skills.

In Reception children take home each week:

- the new graphemes they have learnt each week in phonics
- their new high frequency words
- a reading book
- a reading for pleasure book from our Lending Library





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- Number bags that have fun activities to improve basic numeracy skills.

We also actively encourage all parents and carers to enrol their child at the local library to help children to develop a love of reading.

