

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER  
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## Homework Plan for April 2021 – June 2021

During the first term, we reviewed our approach to homework following consultation with the children, staff and parents / guardians of RETNS and promised additional guidelines in the New Year. Now that all classes have settled back to school, these new guidelines are outlined below.

### Reading

- Reading and related activities (such as word boxes) will be introduced with immediate effect
- Parents in junior classes will be provided with guidance on how to use ORT books
- Each class will have a class library from which books can be borrowed
- ORT books and library books will be sent home early in the week, probably on a Monday and returned on a Thursday

**Irish Reading from 'Léigh sa Bhaile'** will be assigned to classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The number of passages assigned per week will vary according to class. Children will be asked to prepare answers to the comprehension questions orally but will not have to write them. Children can read along with audio versions of text on the CJ Fallon website.

### Other Tasks

**Spellings and Tables will be reintroduced as homework** from 1<sup>st</sup> class.

**A limited amount of self-directed / creative / research tasks** may be added to align with aspects of the curriculum being covered in class or with the seasons.

This homework could also include:

- Active homework
- Yoga pose
- Gratitude Diary
- Frásaí na Seachtaine

As a staff, we have developed our approach to homework partly as a reaction to the children's changed lives during the COVID period. We recognise that school can be tiring under current circumstances and are conscious of the need for

children to be outside after school and to spend quality time with their families. Therefore, we suggest the following time limits for homework:

Junior & Senior Infants	Reading only
1 <sup>st</sup> class	10 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> class – 4 <sup>th</sup> class	20 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> class – 6 <sup>th</sup> class	30 minutes

**Strengthening Home / School Links** is often mentioned as one reason for assigning homework. This benefit will continue with this limited homework. We will use **Seesaw** to inform parents and guardians about their children's school activities. Seesaw may also be used as a teaching and learning platform. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise children while they are working online at home, and to ensure that any content submitted to Seesaw is appropriate and relevant.

Our plan will be reviewed at the end of this academic year.

Le dea-ghuí

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March 2021