

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Homework Plan for 2022- 2023

Reading

- Reading and related activities (such as word boxes in junior classes and pre-reading a topic or researching a topic in senior classes)
- Junior Infants will not bring home books until November
- 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, generally on a Monday and returned on a Thursday.
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Irish Reading from 'Léigh sa Bhaile' will be assigned to classes from 3rd to 6th. 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.

Spellings and Tables will be included as homework from 1st class.

Maths

1st class will do a short maths activity to reinforce class work.

'Mental Maths' will be included as homework from 2nd 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
- Practical maths activities
- Yoga pose
- Gratitude Diary

- Frásaí na Seachtaine

Our approach to homework had evolved partly as a reaction to the children's changed lives during the COVID period. We recognise that school can be tiring and are conscious of the need for children to spend time 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
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1 st class	15 minutes
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2 nd class – 4 th class	20 minutes
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5 th class – 6 th class	30 minutes
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Strengthening Home / School Links is often mentioned as one reason for assigning homework. This benefit will continue with this limited homework. We 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 regularly.

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September 2022