

## Learning Through Play

Play is an important way to learn and to develop personal and social skills. Parents can help provide opportunities for play:

- Playing alone e.g. colouring, making things, reading and playing with toys.
- Playing with friends e.g. board games, make believe, dressing up, sports and tig.
- Playing with adults e.g. card games, making things and pretend games.

## Additional Things You Can Do with Your Child to Aid Learning

- Read regularly with your child
- Visit the local library
- Continually practise number bonds, times tables, counting
- Encourage them to tell the time
- Visit places of interest

It is important for your child's social and emotional development that they do not spend all their time on school work. Encourage them to have other interests. A balance of leisure activities and time with friends and family is important.

## Homework Club

There is a homework club in Mill of Mains PS every Wednesday from 12:45pm – 1:15pm. Please contact the school for further details.

## Useful Websites

<http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk/index.asp>

For children aged 5-9 check out:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/parents>

For children aged 7- 11 check out:

<http://www.gridclub.com>

<http://www.abcya.com/>

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

<http://www.hoodamath.com/>

## Who to Contact

Head Teacher or Depute Head Teacher  
Mill of Mains Primary School  
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## P4 Homework Leaflet

## How Long Will My Child's Homework Take?

Homework should take approximately 1 – 1.5 hours per week. If the work given is taking substantially longer than the time allocated please just stop and write a note to the class teacher.

## What is Homework?

Homework is not necessarily written work. It is any task that a child is asked to complete at home. It may consist of reading, learning by heart, reinforcement of class work, research and project work or further practice of skills learned in class.

## Why Have Homework?

The main aim is to raise achievement by:

- Involving parents. Individual attention can help build confidence and motivation.
- Providing extra practice with the basic skills.
- Extending interest and knowledge in key areas of learning.
- Encouraging children to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Developing personal organisation.

“Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.”  
Scottish Executive

Homework is set at the beginning of each week to be returned by the end of the week. It will begin the first week of each term but on weeks with a holiday or in-service day no written homework will be given.

## **What to Expect in P4**

Homework may include the following:

- Language skills.
- Maths reinforcement.
- Topic work relating to the context the children are studying in class.
- Research activities
- Reading.
- Art / design.
- Songs.
- Scottish poem.

## **How Parents Can Help to Support their Children**

- Provide somewhere peaceful for children to work without the distractions of television, other family members and pets.
- Provide a suitable place, equipped with a comfortable chair, clear table space and good light.
- Provide encouragement and support to children when they require it.
- Support the school in explaining to children that homework is valued and aids learning.
- Encourage your child and offer praise when homework is completed.
- Sign your child's homework when you are satisfied that it is of an acceptable standard. If you see errors, please help your child to make the necessary corrections.

### **Your child's Role in Homework**

- Keep a note of what is required and when it is due.
- Plan ahead.
- Make the time to do the homework.
- Look for help when stuck or frustrated.
- Hand in completed homework on time.