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 with friends / family eg board such as Monopoly, Scrabble etc.
- Playing with adults e.g. card games, making things.
- Playing general knowledge games e.g. quizzes, Trivial Pursuit, crosswords, Sudoku.

Additional Things You Can Do with Your Child to Aid Learning

- Encourage them to read a variety of materials e.g. books, newspapers, comics, fact, fiction
- Visit the local library
- Continually practise number bonds, times tables, counting
- Ask children to calculate approximate total cost of items in the shopping trolley
- Encourage them to tell the time
- Visit places of interest
- Encourage them to take part in different sporting activities

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.

Useful Websites

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

www.coolmath-games.com

www.abcya.com

For children aged 7- 11 check out:

http://www.gridclub.com

Who to Contact

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P7 Homework Leaflet

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 P7

Homework may include the following:

- Language including spelling, reading etc.
- Written tasks related to reading.
- Maths – both written and mental.
- Topic work relating to the context the children are studying in class.
- Research Projects.
- Solo talks.
- Learn Scottish poem.
- Learn Script and songs for school show.
- Cross curricular tasks.
- Activities related to transition from P7 – S1.

How Long Will My Child's Homework Take?

Homework should take approximately 2 -2.5 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.

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.

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.