

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework is seen as an integral part of the learning process at Garryhill School

### **AIMS**

- To consolidate school learning
- To revise topics
- To develop self- esteem in pupils
- To foster links between home and school
- To develop independent learning
- To link learning with the home environment
- To develop research skills

### **CONTENT**

Homework is assigned by the class teacher each day from Monday to Thursday. It will consist of (depending on class)

- English Spellings
- Irish Spellings
- Math Tables
- Maths
- Reading
- Other Topics

Children will be familiar with and competent in all topics assigned for homework. Homework will not be used to teach new topics. Particular attention will be paid by class teachers when homework involving mathematical computation, skills (regrouping etc.) is assigned. Teachers will communicate methodologies to parents either by written notes in the homework journal or by face to face meetings.

### **TIME ALLOCATION**

Teacher will attempt to gauge the length of time needed to complete the homework at between 20mins and 1 hour.

### **ASSESSMENT**

- Teacher Observation
- Parents and teachers will sign the homework journal at least once weekly
- Parents are encouraged to report stress or difficulties with homework to the class teacher.
- Teachers will observe that pupils (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) will write homework in their homework journals. (Infants will be given photocopied sheets).
- Correction
- Staff Meeting Review.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010. It will be implemented in September 2010. It will be reviewed by staff at staff meetings and by parents at the Parents Association meetings.