



22.09.2020 HT's Update – Homework Information and Introduction for families

Good afternoon all.

I hope you had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the sunshine.

As I mentioned last week I am writing to you to give you the information about the new homework model which we will be starting from Monday 27th September.

This will be our teachers' first week at providing the homework through the TEAMS platform and they have been working extremely hard to prepare this for launch for which I thank them.

There will be some glitches as we explore this new home school link so thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

The Royal High Primary School Homework Model

(September 2020)

This homework model has been created after consultation with staff and our parent body.

The rationale of this model is that homework is reinforcement work done at home, which covers the learning covered at school.

Here is a breakdown of the homework model:

- Homework will be weekly – out on a Monday, due back the following Monday - for some classes with two teachers the tasks will be set across the week to involve both teachers
- Homework will be shared through TEAMS
- There is no need for homework tasks to be sent back into school
- If children and parents would like feedback, they can send tasks in via their Class TEAMS
- Oral feedback will be given to the child by the teacher at some point during the week
- Weekly tasks will be set for:
 - Literacy, both reading and spelling
 - Numeracy
 - Health and Wellbeing or linked to their Learning Context or from their Interdisciplinary Learning Focus
- There will be one task set per week from each of the identified curricular areas
- The homework tasks will be a mixture of online and practical tasks
- Tasks will be differentiated. Your child's teacher will choose how this is formatted
- The homework tasks will be linked to the planned learning in class
- Reading books can be sent home. We ask that all books borrowed are returned so we can isolate them for 72-hours before giving to another group.

- Worksheets can be sent home, but they cannot be brought back into school. If you would like oral feedback to be given, please upload the worksheet to the Class TEAMS folder.
- SUMDog accounts will still be active and can be used for either homework tasks or extension tasks.
- Additional active learning grids will be available for extension challenges. There will be one grid for the year with activities which can be used in different contexts.

All homework tasks are available to all children and their families.

Whilst we encourage children to complete their homework tasks, they are not mandatory.

This is a dynamic plan and will develop as we move through the year in consultation with staff and families.

If you have any questions or need help with any of the technology involved, please contact us through the usual channels – phoning 0131 669 3200 or emailing admin@royalhigh-pri.edin.sch.uk

Thank you, take care and stay in touch.

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