

GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOME ENRICHMENT / HOMEWORK

Home enrichment activities will be supported, encouraged or set by teachers so that learning related to class programs and/or the children's other interests can take place outside of school hours.

Encouragement from parents is vital and teachers will take steps to make sure that parents understand the reasons for the scope of these home learning activities.

Aims:

1. To encourage and develop a love of learning and investigation.
2. To encourage and develop self-motivation in the learning process.
3. To provide opportunities that will encourage the children to become independent learners.
4. To foster the children's curiosity about their immediate environment and the world in which they live.

Implementation:

- All children will be encouraged to read at home on a daily basis – this will be recorded on an individual reading record sheet devised by the classroom teacher.
- Teachers should have some flexibility on what they set as homework but also allow the children the same flexibility ie. spread the work over a period of time to allow for the nights where children may have other commitments. The extent of structured or directed activities will be at the discretion of each class teacher who will communicate homework expectations to parents.
- In an individualised spelling/word recognition/vocabulary enrichment program, students will work on up to ten words. Children are expected to learn these words as part of their homework routine.
- Parents will be encouraged to give their children plenty of opportunities for meaningful experiences and discussions. The school will support this by regularly publishing helpful homework hints for parents in the newsletter.
- As children progress through school, there will be more directed assignments which will be based on the children's interests and needs.
- Home enrichment activities which are structured or set by the teachers will be followed up and feedback given to the children.

Special Needs

It is vital that classroom teachers and tutors carefully plan the allocation of homework to avoid duplication or over committing the children on individual or special programs.