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Europa Homework Policy in the Primary School

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Purpose of Homework

- It is useful at the outset to remind ourselves of the aims of homework. Homework encourages the pupils to take personal responsibility for their learning by their own independent study and research. Homework should stimulate and satisfy their curiosity.
- For the parents, homework is a link between school and home. It affords parents a special opportunity to take an interest in their child's schoolwork, to foster his/her independence and to praise his/her endeavours.
- For the teacher, homework is a means of furthering the child's autonomy, allowing him/her to develop memory skills and to organise his/her work for him/herself.

Principles

- The Europa School recognises the importance of children's leisure time and the place of extra-curricular activities in the development of the child. After a day's work, which is already quite long, children need rest and relaxation.
- A little regular homework every day is an aid to learning. Reading every day is particularly important through primary school. For the Europa School pupils, this means reading in at least one of the child's two languages.
- On average, the time spent on homework in years 1 and 2 should not exceed 20 minutes a day, and year 3 not more than 30. We encourage reception children to enjoy their reading and ask parents to make use of the bug reading books that are made available online. We expect them to read at least one book a week at home.