

Homework Policy

St Mary's Voluntary Catholic Primary School

Homework complements and assists teaching and learning and can be an integral part of the pupil's learning process, offering an opportunity for parents to share in their child's progress.

It is hugely important that home learning is an enjoyable experience and we encourage parents to take an active interest in their child's home learning, their learning targets and their achievements.

Homework may take the form of skills practice to consolidate learning, or investigation and research to extend or widen the learning.

For homework to be successful it should:

- a. BE AN ENJOYABLE, INTERESTING AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE
- b. Be matched to the child's ability and previous experience
- c. Widen and enhance the child's current learning.
- d. Develop or consolidate the child's knowledge skills and attributes
- e. Enable the child to make progress.

ALL pupils will be offered some form of homework matched to their age and stage in learning. As pupils progress through the school, the type of activity and amount may be increased, but it is still important to have adequate leisure time.

Extra - Curricular Activities help to widen and enrich children's learning and development

Children are strongly encouraged to attend the schools many extra - curricular clubs. We provide many varied "After School Clubs". These extend some of the activities undertaken in school and provide for the "whole child". They allow ALL children to achieve success in a variety of contexts.

HOMEWORK MUST BE ENJOYABLE AND MANAGEABLE

- Homework should take up a manageable and balanced part of children's lives
- It should be an enjoyable portion of children's time, when parents can take an interest in their progress.
- It is essential that homework does not dictate the pattern of every evening.

- Pupil's need time to follow their own personal interests and hobbies.
- They require time to attend out of school clubs and go on trips and outings with their family.
- They need quality time to relax and enjoy leisure activities with their family.
- They need time for exercise and play with their friends.
- These outside interests develop the 'whole' child and are a vital aspect of a child's learning and development.

Homework Presentation

Like all school work, homework should be completed to the best of the child's ability. Every child will be issued with a Homework wallet which will contain all of the equipment needed to complete any homework task. If a child does not complete their homework, or it is not completed as expected by the teacher they will be asked to complete the task at a given time and the class teacher will speak to the child's parent (see appendix A)

Reception HOMEWORK GUIDELINES



RULE 1 Keep The Learning Positive and Enjoyable

RULE 2 Have a go!!

RULE 3 Always try your best

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TYPES OF HOMEWORK	Day Issued	Day Due	Frequency
<p>READING When sharing the reading with your child; Be patient, positive and ensure your child and you both enjoy the reading. Encourage your child; - to decode unfamiliar words themselves; - to use expression Also, ask them questions about their reading. A sheet of recommended READING QUESTIONS is available from the school. Books are taken home for children to read to their parents/carers. Parents are encouraged to comment in the child's reading record book, shared by all adults involved. It is also useful to read books to your children - modelling expression and asking questions about the book</p>	As required	As required	Daily
<p>Home Learning Stories - These are information for parents about some of the learning that has taken place in school - Please take the time to read these with your child and make comments on their learning. At times we may send home learning stories to be completed at home, this gives parents an opportunity to help develop at home the learning we have started at school</p>	As required	As required	As required
<p>Phonics and Maths A phonics and maths based activity will be sent out every other week to be completed by the children.</p>	Friday	Wednesday	Every Fortnight

<p>Children's own Interests and Achievements</p> <p>The children are always encouraged to bring into school their news and achievements to be shared with the rest of the class. These will be added to a child's learning journey folder.</p>			
<p>Non Negotiables - A set of Non Negotiables are shared with parents during the parent's consultation meeting - these are worked on over the course of the year and used to help set children targets.</p>			

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<p>Literacy A Literacy task will be sent every week to be shared with parent</p>	Monday	Friday	Weekly
<p>Maths A Maths task will be sent every week to be shared with parent</p>	Monday	Friday	Weekly
<p>Spellings 10 Spellings – 5 High Frequency Words and 5 current Phonic words. The words will be put into a Look Cover Write check format to give the children the opportunity to practise their spellings.</p>	Monday	Friday	Weekly

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<p>Spellings</p> <p>10 Spellings – 5 High Frequency Words and 5 current Phonic words. The words will be put into a Look Cover Write check format to give the children the opportunity to practise their spellings.</p>	Monday	Friday	Weekly

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