

St. Ann's R.C. Primary School

Homework Policy

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Our School's Mission Statement

'We, the family of St. Ann's, rejoice in our learning; striving for excellence. We challenge ourselves, follow Jesus and empower each other to be the best we can be.

Motivate, learn, inspire.'

Homework plays an important part in the development of the children at St. Ann's. The provision of homework enables the children to work independently and become more responsible.

Homework encourages parental involvement and creates a link between home and school. The parents, through homework, have a much clearer idea of the type of work the children are expected to do and this gives them an indication of the attainment of the children.

The homework in Key Stages One and Two extends and reinforces the skills taught in the classroom, particularly in reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. EYFS homework reinforces early reading and number and enhances their learning.

The following description illustrates the type of homework set for each year group and a breakdown of when the homework is expected to be completed: -

- a) Children are expected to take home their reading books every day, and to read as often as possible with an adult at home. The reading diary should also go home so that the parents may contribute comments which can also build up parental links.
- b) Parental support is valuable for all children as children are encouraged to recognise its importance. The direct support given by parents can vary depending on the age and stage of the child.
- c) From Year 1 all pupils will be given their weekly spellings at the start of each half term. The spellings will be organised into weekly blocks. The children will be tested each Friday on that week's spellings.
- d) From the Spring term pupils in Year 2 upwards will be expected to learn times tables at home and will be tested when appropriate.
- e) Children and parents have a responsibility to take care of any school resources that go home. The loan of a school laptop is available for any families, who require one.
- f) Pupils will be supplied with a homework book solely for the purpose of homework.
- g) All pupils will receive a homework timetable at the start of each half term containing Maths and English work, which is compulsory and a set of optional homework tasks. The Maths and English work is expected to be handed in on Wednesday. The

optional work may be handed in weekly or at the end of the half term (if it is a research project).

This homework is marked by the teacher and feedback is given.

- h) From Year Three children consistently not handing in homework will find time at playtimes to complete it. When children in EYFS to Y2, consistently do not hand in their homework their parents will be contacted by the teacher, in order to offer support if necessary.

EYFS Homework

Reception children will receive a weekly Literacy and Numeracy worksheet which is handed out each Friday. It is expected that parents will work with their children to complete it. This homework is expected in by Wednesday. They may also have key words to learn when appropriate.

Nursery children will start to receive homework on a Friday. This will focus on a phonics activities and a number activity.