



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



Policy: Homework

Mission Statement

"Journeying together with Jesus Christ, we learn to love and love to learn."

Homework is viewed as *any activity that seeks to make effective links between home and school in supporting children's learning and development.*

Aims

Through our Homework policy we aim to:

- develop good work habits and self discipline;
- encourage skills and attitudes, which help children improve their educational performance;
- help parents to gain insight into their child's schoolwork;
- provide opportunities for individualised work, to help develop the confidence and self discipline the child needs to study on their own;
- offer access to resources not found in school (home computers, public libraries, local museums...);
- assist preparation for future class work;
- provide a context for pupil/parent interaction.

Homework can encompass a wide range of possibilities e.g.

- reading with a parent;
- a family visit to a local museum;
- finishing off work from class;
- undertaking individual research for a project at the local library;
- learning number facts [tables];
- memorising a poem;

Homework is a two way process. Teachers may ask for maths to be done at home, but are delighted to learn about children's successes in other aspects of their lives and will recognise this in school.

Expectations

Early Years

Children in Nursery are expected to have regular experiences of sharing and enjoying books with family members, practical maths activities in the home, and developing their language skills through talking about practical experiences they have had. These practical experiences might include:

- measuring ingredients whilst cooking;
- visiting family members;
- looking at labels and prices at the shops;

- going to the park;
- choosing books at a local library.

Reception children are expected to share a book/read daily.

KS1 - Children in KS1 are expected to complete the following each week:

- spelling words to be practised and learnt;
- reading each evening;
- maths homework;

KS2 - Children in KS2 are expected to complete the following each week:

- a piece of literacy homework;
- reading at least one book from the reading scheme (for those children who are fluent this should be a book of their choice) and one library book;
- spellings to be learnt;
- a piece of maths homework.

School is responsible for setting homework appropriate to the child's age;

Parents are responsible for providing their child with time, space, encouragement and support with any homework they have, including hearing their child read and assisting in the learning of tables and spellings;

Pupils are responsible for undertaking any homework set and remembering to take home and return to school, all books and equipment needed to undertake their homework. Pupils must also remember to bring in PE kit etc.

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