



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Homework Policy

Introduction

A good well- managed homework programme helps children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learners. Homework also supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents the opportunity to take part in their children's learning.

The nature of homework

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to practise and extend at home, the tasks covered in class. It also helps pupils to become confident and independent in their learning. The home school partnership is vital for the successful development of the child and is explained further in our school's home school agreement.

At St Joseph's the focus of homework is on the key basic skills of literacy and numeracy. A homework book is provided for all pupils. This contains a sheet for parents and teachers to initial when the work is completed.

Homework Activities

In each year group there is a range of different activities that are expected to be undertaken regularly.

Daily Reading

All children are expected to read daily. This could be shared reading, the child reading aloud to a parent or discussing the book for more fluent readers. Regular reading at home is encouraged. Parents should record a comment in the Childs reading diary every time the book is shared.

Spellings

Children are expected to learn and practise spellings/key words/phonics regularly. From Year 1 children will receive groups of words to spell. These words will be linked to the sound the children are learning; further up the school the children will learn key spelling ru.es. Parents are encouraged to support children as they learn their spellings.

Outlined below is the range of homework activities across year groups in the school.

Year Group	Daily homework	Weekly
Reception	Phonics, number and letter formation	Develops over the year to include reading, blending words, number games
Year 1	Reading, number bonds	Literacy & Numeracy activity
Year 2	Reading, Times tables- 2,5,&10	Literacy & Numeracy activity
Year 3	Reading, times tables-2,3,4,5,6 and 10	Literacy & Numeracy activity
Year 4	Reading, times tables- 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10	Literacy & Numeracy activity
Year 5	Reading, times tables- all times tables	Literacy & Numeracy activity
Year 6	Reading, times tables- all times tables	Literacy & Numeracy activity, and/or Science and topic work

In Year 6 the focus of homework includes preparing children for the transition to secondary school. Therefore these pupils will receive homework in key curriculum areas during the school week.

On its return to school the homework will be marked by the class teachers and feedback provided to pupils following the school's marking policy

Recommended time for homework

At St Joseph's we have considered how much time is appropriate for homework for pupils at each stage of their learning. The Government's recommended time allocation, based on good practice is set out in Homework: Guidelines for Primary schools and Secondary schools, is as follows, this is used as a guide for our pupils.

Reception, Year 1 and 2	1 hour per week
Years 3 and 4	1.5 hours per week
Year 5 and 6	30 mins per day

The homework takes into account the ability of each child, including those with special educational needs. We value the support of parents and we encourage parents to 'help' children with their homework. If a child is struggling with homework, with your parental support, it is vital that teachers are made aware of this and that homework is not completed for them.

SEND/Dyslexia

The Governing Body believes that all children, regardless of ability and behaviour, are valued equally at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. SEND children are not viewed as a separate entity but are part of the whole school approach and different children's needs are recognised and met through varied and flexible provision throughout the curriculum.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:-

SEND

Public Sector Equality Duty policy

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