



**St Mary's R.C.**



**Primary School**

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*“We value and respect every individual  
as a unique child of God”*

*(School Mission Statement)*

## **Homework Policy**

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## Homework Policy

### AIMS OF THE POLICY

- to develop an effective partnership between the school and parents.
- to ensure consistency of approach throughout the school
- to ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility
- to extend and support the child's learning through reinforcement and revision
- to encourage pupils to develop the confidence and self-discipline required for individual study
- to prepare children for the demands of secondary school and life long learning

### CONTENT OF THE HOMEWORK GIVEN

**The main focus of homework will be reading, we expect all children to read every night and have their reading records signed.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>When</b>
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Reading</li> <li>• Topic homework sent home at varied times</li> <li>• Phonics and handwriting will be sent home later in the year.</li> </ul>	Books are changed twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Weekly phonics/handwriting/ activity</li> <li>• Weekly maths activity</li> <li>• Topic homework sent home at varied times</li> </ul>	Homework will be sent home every Thursday and needs to be returned to school on Mondays. Books are changed twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.
Key Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Weekly spellings</li> <li>• 1 piece of literacy homework (this could include phonics or handwriting) or</li> <li>• 1 piece of numeracy homework (including number facts)</li> </ul>	Homework will be sent home every Thursday and needs to be returned to school on Tuesdays.
Key Stage 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Weekly spellings</li> <li>• 1 piece of literacy</li> </ul>	Homework will be sent home every Thursday and needs to be returned to

	<p>homework <b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 piece of numeracy homework</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 have mathematics.</li> </ul>	school on Mondays.
Year 6*	Y6 will have extra homework as necessary and it may vary from time to time.	Children who do not return their homework will complete it during a lunch time detention.

\*Year 5 and 6 set teachers may provide additional homework, in consultation with the class teacher.

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The above timetable applies equally to children with recognized special educational needs. However, the children will receive differentiated tasks according to their needs, which may be from a different context to the rest of the class.

### THE ROLE OF PARENTS

Parents are asked to provide a suitable place in which homework can be completed, whether working alone or with an adult. It is essential that parents make it clear to their children that they value homework and are willing to support the school with their approach. This includes encouragement and praise at all levels. All children are expected to bring their reading record to school every day. We ask parents / carers to read with their children and sign this at least twice a week. Please also ensure that reading books are returned to school otherwise new books may not be given out.

### HOMEWORK CLUB

We provide a KS1 and KS2 homework club after school on a Thursday (3.15-4.15pm). This is a quiet space for pupils to complete some of their homework and ask for support if they require it. It does not replace the essential 1:1 support that can be provided at home.

### A FINAL NOTE

REMEMBER, homework is meant to be an enjoyable and worthwhile activity for all and should not be allowed to cause distress to pupils, parents or teachers! Please discuss any problems with the class teacher concerned as soon as they arise.