



# St Mary's RC Primary School, Battersea

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

<b>Approved By</b>	Governors
<b>Reviewed On</b>	March 2024
<b>Review Due</b>	March 2025
<b>Review Cycle</b>	Annually

## Aims

- 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 create further opportunities for feedback and review
- To encourage pupils to develop the confidence and self-discipline required for individual study
- To help students retain information they have learned
- To give students a routine and create good habits

## 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.**

Evidence suggests that children who read every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of the world round them.

Class	Homework	When
<b>Nursery</b>	<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.
<b>Reception</b>	<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. Sharing books are changed once a week. Phonics books are introduced in October and changed daily.
<b>Key Stage 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daily reading</li> <li>○ Weekly spellings</li> <li>○ 1 piece of English homework (this could include phonics or handwriting)</li> <li>○ 1 piece of Maths homework (including number facts)</li> <li>○ 1 piece of history/geography/ 'developing experts' science homework- as and when appropriate</li> </ul>	Homework will be sent home every Thursday and needs to be returned to school on Tuesdays. Phonics books are changed at least twice a week. Sharing books are changed weekly.
<b>Key Stage 2*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daily reading</li> <li>○ Weekly spellings</li> <li>○ 1 piece of English homework</li> <li>○ 1 piece of Maths homework</li> <li>○ Key Stage 2 will also be assigned Athletics tasks.</li> <li>○ 1 piece of history/geography/ 'developing experts' science homework- as and when appropriate</li> </ul>	Homework will be sent home every Thursday and needs to be returned to school on Tuesdays. Books are changed at least weekly.
<b>Year 6*</b>	Year 6 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 head teacher.**

### **Special Educational Needs**

The above timetable applies equally to children with recognised 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 for effort 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.

### **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.