

St Mary's CE Primary Homework Policy January 2019

Do everything in love



1 Corinthians 16:14

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

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Presented to Governors:

*Deeply rooted in the love of Jesus we are committed to:-
Creating a happy, healthy and honest school,
where everyone feels secure and valued.
Providing excellent teaching and learning opportunities
which develop independent, confident and resilient life long
learners who can think for themselves.
Celebrating and supporting all children
to unlock and fulfil their unique potential.
Preparing children to contribute to society
with wisdom, hope, tolerance and dignity.
Living by our school values of Love; Honesty; Courage;
Compassion; Determination and Respect.*

*Our vision is to inspire and grow a
compassionate community of excellence.
A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.*

St Mary's Church of England School Homework Policy

This policy has been prepared by the Headteacher and staff in consultation with and agreement from the Governors.

Effective Homework

Homework is an important tool in consolidating learning and enhancing the curriculum for children. It is a vital aspect of the partnership between home and school. At St Mary's Church of England School we value family time and recognise the importance of quality family interaction. We therefore set homework tasks which lend themselves both to whole family participation or independent completion.

In order to fulfil our aims:

- All homework set will be planned carefully with tasks relevant to school activities.
- All children will have a homework/reading record note book in which homework tasks or projects are recorded and are taken home.
- Parents should contact the school if homework presents any difficulties.

Aims and Objectives of our Homework Policy

Regular, well planned homework can:

- Enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development;
- Develop good work habits and self-discipline for the future
- Encourage skills and attitudes which help children improve their educational performance
- Help parents gain insight into their child's schoolwork and promote partnership between home and school.
- Provide opportunities for individualised work and develop skills of independent learning
- To consolidate and reinforce learning done in school and assist in preparation for future class work.
- Provide a context for pupil/parent interaction.

Our homework programme

Foundation/Reception

- Daily reading
- Phonics practise

Year 1

- Reading a suitably challenging text (a minimum of 4 x per week and for at least 10 mins per read)
- Spelling activities
- Maths activities (moving onto www.mymaths.co.uk when appropriate – class teacher will advise when)

Year 2

- Reading a suitably challenging text (a minimum of 4 x per week and for at least 10 mins per read)
- Spelling activities
- www.mymaths.co.uk

- Additional revision activities

Years 3 and 4

- Reading a suitably challenging text (a minimum of 4 x per week and for at least 10 mins per read)
- Weekly spelling
- Weekly times tables practise
- www.mymaths.co.uk

Year 5 and 6

- Reading a suitably challenging text (a minimum of 4 x per week and for at least 10 mins per read)
- Weekly spelling
- Weekly times tables practise
- www.mymaths.co.uk
- Additional revision activities

Pupils' responsibilities:

- All children will be expected to complete tasks. They will be given an opportunity to succeed in this through using a homework session in school leisure time if they continually fail to complete it.
- Children who do not complete their homework may be asked to stay in to do so at the teacher's discretion.
- If a child persistently does not complete homework then the teacher may contact the parents and ask to speak to them in order for school and home to work in partnership for the benefit of the child.

The Role of Parents

We ask that parents display a positive attitude to homework and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete the work and hand it in to their class teacher. Parents should consider:

- When is it a good time to do any homework?
- Where is the best place for homework to be done?
- What helps concentration?