



St John's Catholic Primary School

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is given in all classes except Early Years at least once a week. It may be given in a variety of forms, such as:

- Written – this might include finishing or extending work started in class.
- Discovery work – i.e. using reference books, encyclopaedia, the internet etc.
- Reading – (see below)
- Learning – spelling, tables etc.

Each teacher will organise the homework routine in his or her own class room and communicate this information to parents at the beginning of the school year.

- Early Years children will bring high frequency words home to learn and may have some phonics work.
- All classes will have regular spelling / tables / mental arithmetic tests.
- All pupils are encouraged to read (or share with parents) a book of some description (not necessarily a school scheme book) every night.

As children become older, homework will not necessarily be set more frequently. Obviously the content of the work is very different in different Key Stages but it is not our aim to tie up large amounts of the child's leisure time. The work set will not normally last more than half an hour. Children are not expected to toil for hours over a piece of work they are finding difficult.

It is important that any homework set has a clear aim, is linked to work taking place in school and is of use to all concerned.

THE CHILD

Children should be encouraged to take a pride in their homework and to take responsibility for their own learning. Homework has the added benefit in that it assists children in disciplining themselves. It is possible that if children are asked to do too much work at home that it will become an unpleasant chore. Our aim is to nurture a love of learning.

THE TEACHER

The teacher is able to look for organisational and self-discipline qualities but is not having to spend inordinate amounts of time setting and marking homework.

THE PARENT

Homework should encourage parents to take an interest in their child's school work. This assists them in the monitoring process. It is possible, however, to over monitor a child's work. The aim of the exercise is not necessarily to get everything right but to see how a child is progressing. If a child is unable to do the homework, the parent should write an appropriate comment in the homework book.

HOMEWORK BOOKS

Homework books will be provided by the school. Lost or damaged books should be replaced by the parent.

Parents are welcome to write appropriate comments directly into the homework books.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Parents are encouraged not to take holidays during term time. It is the policy of the school not to set homework for those who choose to ignore the above request.

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