

ST MARY'S BENTWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

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To develop a **LOVE** of learning
To show **RESPECT** for the power of scholarship
By sharing our learning at home we foster a sense of **BELONGING**

Rationale

Homework plays an important role in children's education and should be an integral part of their development and learning. At St Mary's we are very committed to building strong home/school links. We know that education is most effective where there is a positive partnership between home and school. We hope that homework/learning at home will increase a child's enjoyment of learning and his/her understanding. We know that it is crucial that we offer support to parents so that there is a better understanding of how learning can be further extended at home. In this policy homework refers to any work or activity which children are asked to do outside of lesson time, usually with parents or carers.

Aims

Although homework can be set in many different forms, the aims are broadly:

- To develop independence in children
- To enable them to practise skills learnt in the classroom
- To develop self-discipline and time management skills
- To foster a partnership between school and home
- To help raise standards of attainment
- To improve the quality of the learning experience and to extend it beyond the classroom
- To prepare Y6 pupils for transfer to secondary school



Guidelines

Homework should be set on a weekly basis excepting periods when children have other priorities in their schedule ie SATs, school plays or productions to prepare for, or exterior activities such as Residential visits or concerts.

Children will be expected to take responsibility for their own homework tasks. Parents and teachers will use the Home School link Book as a form of communication, noting any difficulties and successes, and signing it on a weekly basis.

Should pupils be unable to complete their homework tasks because of illness or the nature of the task, then the Home School Book should be completed by the parent giving the reasons. This will enable the teachers to further support the child in their class learning.

Homework is expected to be handed in on time to facilitate feedback and marking.

Should pupils hand in homework late on a regular basis or fail to complete tasks, then parents will be informed. Pupils who regularly miss deadlines for handing in completed homework may be asked to complete this during break times.

Working in Partnership

Children should be responsible for taking home their assignments and Homework Book, completing the tasks to the best of their ability and handing in finished pieces on time.

Teachers should regularly set tasks which are achievable and interesting, mark the work and provide positive, constructive feedback.

Parents should ensure that children have a quiet place to study, be aware of their child's assignments, value the child's efforts and outcomes and provide support when it is required. They should also sign the Home School Book to acknowledge that work has been completed.

If homework is becoming burdensome for a child, parents should come and discuss the matter with the class teacher in order that school and home can work in partnership to support every child.

Progression

Oak Class: 1 hour per week

Year R: Reading every night

From Easter weekly Phonics/Maths task (alternating)



Year 1: Reading daily

Spelling list; weekly spellings to practise – as school website

Number facts

Ash Class: 1 hour to 1 ½ hour a week

Reading every week night for 10 minutes is expected and not within the allocated time.

Spellings and Times Tables activity weekly (Use of Times Table Rock stars)

Lime and Elder Class: 2 hours per week

Reading every week night for minimum of 15 minutes is expected and not within the allocated time.

Spellings and Times Tables activity weekly (Use of Times Table Rock stars)

Year 6 may have extra activities which will help them prepare for SAT's or transition to Secondary School.