

St. James' C of E Primary School

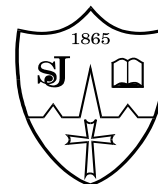
Homework Policy

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Introduction

This policy outlines our school objectives in giving the children homework to be completed at home. Homework is designed to reinforce learning that has taken place in the classroom and to celebrate and enhance activities incorporated into the themes.

Reading

All children are expected to read at home as often as possible; this is the most important skill that the children need to learn as it allows them to access many other elements of learning. Children should read to an adult and discuss the text. This should be encouraged – starting with wordless books at the beginning of Reception to complex texts at the end of year 6. All children are given reading records for comments to be written in; years 5 and 6 have a homework and reading diary in preparation for the transition to secondary school.

Homework for Reception

- Sound books and key word books will be sent home every night, new words will be added when the child is ready. These can be practiced at home.
- Optional activities – these are based on the EYFS outcomes and children can opt to do them at home, each term a new selection of activities are sent home to choose from.

Homework for Years 1 – 6

- Weekly homework is set by the class teacher.
- Homework books/folders will be given to all children to record their work in unless otherwise stated
- Children will receive homework appropriate to their age and stage
- Homework to be differentiated to meet the level of an individual child.
- Homework to be relevant and an extension of the learning that has taken place that week.
- All homework to be marked by either the teacher or TA. Where appropriate, children may mark their own homework.
- Marked homework will be handed back to the children the following week or placed in their class books.
- Some homework set may take two weeks to complete, if this is the case, the children will be informed.

Year 1

Children will receive homework linked to phonics, spelling patterns and either maths, literacy or topic.

Year 2

Children will receive homework linked to phonics, spelling patterns and either maths, literacy or topic.

Year 3

Children will receive homework linked to phonics, spelling patterns and either maths, literacy or topic

Year 4

Children will receive homework linked to spelling patterns, maths and either literacy or topic work.

Year 5

Children will receive homework linked to spelling patterns, maths and either literacy, science or topic work. This work will be put in their class books.

Year 6

Children will receive homework linked to spelling patterns, maths and either literacy, science or topic work. They may also receive extra work in preparation for year 6 tests. This work will be put in their class books.

Maths

Maths homework is a combination of paper based activities and work on 'My Maths' (www.mymaths.co.uk). My Maths work is not marked but teachers monitor online progress and use to inform assessments and teaching. My Maths should be completed by Tuesday evening in readiness for Wednesday morning. Work will be set before the children leave school on Friday afternoon.

Children are also encouraged to practice their number bonds and times tables at home often.

Spelling

Children are given weekly spelling patterns to learn.

Homework Club

Homework club runs in the ICT room once a week, here children can complete their My Maths homework on the computer or written homework. They are also able to seek support if they do not understand the tasks.

Marking Homework

The marking of homework follows our standard school policy. Homework is marked or acknowledged with a variation throughout the year depending on the need for marking. This is explained further in our policy.