



HOMWORK AT ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A good, well-managed homework programme helps children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning. Homework also supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents with an opportunity to take part in their children's education.

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to practice at home the tasks covered in class, and helps the pupils work towards improving important skills. It also helps children and young people to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school and in adult life. Children that complete homework regularly are more likely to achieve well in school.

At St. Anne's School, the focus of homework is on the key basic skills of literacy and numeracy.

EXPECTATIONS AT ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. Children should read with and discuss their reading with a responsible adult three times a week as a minimum. This reading should be from a range of texts including for example: Reading Scheme books, Library books, books from home, comics/magazines and newspapers. Reception class will also be expected to learn 'key words'.(Further guidance will be provided from school in the future about how to get the most out of reading with your child)
2. From Year 1 children will be given a list of spellings to learn weekly for a spelling test. Results will be shared with parents.
3. From Year 1 children will be given times tables/number bonds or mental maths to learn weekly for a maths test. Results will be shared with parents.
4. From Year 1 a worksheet with an emphasis on writing, reading or numeracy will be set to be completed at home. (Autumn 1 - Punctuation focus, Autumn 2 - Numeracy focus, Spring 1 - Grammar focus, Spring 2 - Numeracy focus, Summer 1 - Comprehension focus and Summer 2- Numeracy focus.) The homework will be marked and kept in the homework book for parents to view.
5. Additional challenges will be provided on 'I am Learning' website
6. Children in Year 6 are likely to receive homework in addition to the above as the year progresses to help to prepare them for the SATs tests in May.

Parents may request additional homework and staff will endeavour to provide it.

If homework is not completed children will be expected to complete it at playtime.

Recommended time for homework

Every school must consider how much time is appropriate for pupils at each stage, according to their aptitude. The Government's recommended time allocation, based on current good practice, is set out in *Homework: Guidelines for Primary Schools and Secondary Schools*, is as follows and is used as a guide at St. Anne's;

Rec, Years 1 and 2	1 hour per week
Years 3 and 4	1.5 hours per week
Years 5 and 6	30 minutes per day

Assigned homework takes into account the ability of the each child, including those with special educational needs. We value the support of parents and we encourage parents to 'help' children with their homework. If a child is struggling with homework, it is vital that teachers are made aware of this and that homework is not completed for them. It may be the case that 'personalised learning' indicates that certain children require supplementary homework. If this is deemed to be beneficial to the child, the class teacher will communicate the learning intention with parents.

St. Anne's is a fully inclusive school. Our school recognises the importance of a consistent approach to homework and we also recognise and promote the importance of extra-curricular sport and music in supporting children's education.

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