



Great Marsden St John's Primary School

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We are anchored by scripture.

“We ask that Christ will live in our hearts through faith, making us rooted and grounded in LOVE”

Ephesians 3:17

Our Vision

Empowered by God's love, we uphold a culture where everyone is encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

Our Mission

Rooted in God's love, inspiring all to aim high.

Our Christian Value is LOVE

Loving God

Loving Others

Loving Ourselves

Loving Learning

Loving Life

HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale

At Great Marsden St John's we believe that our children learn best when there is a clear partnership between school and home. We also recognise that family time is very precious and that home learning should fit into that scenario.

There is no legal requirement to set homework. In September 2019, Ofsted said that its inspectors will not assess how homework is being done under its new framework because schools should decide whether or not they set it for their pupils. It is very much up to individual schools to determine their policy on this. Ofsted also acknowledge, as do we, that homework can impact negatively on family life.

The EEF state that it is important to make the purpose of homework clear. Our homework focuses on securing fluency in reading and key maths skills such as times tables which underpin the entire curriculum as well as deepening learning across the wider curriculum.

How and when homework will be set.

- 1) Every child in school will have a reading record log book and will take home a reading book that is matched to their phonics phase or reading band. In addition, children in KS1 also take home a copy of the book they have been reading in guided reading sessions to allow for further practice.
- 2) Children should bring their reading book and record to school every day and the expectation remains that children have read and the log is signed at least three times a week. This can be by an older family member. In upper Key Stage 2, the child will be permitted to sign the reading record themselves. Children who complete this task will receive 3 Dojos.
- 3) As a reading school we acknowledge that some children may choose to read a range of books for pleasure at home. Whilst we recognise and gladly appreciate children reading their own books from home, we would also encourage them to read books from school which offer an appropriate level of challenge.
- 4) Children will be asked to complete 20 mins per week on either Numbots or Times Table Rockstars. Children who complete this task will receive 3 Dojos.
- 5) In addition, parents will receive a 'Homework Topic Sheet' each half term. This will provide information about the work that is to be covered in class. It will contain suggestions of activities that children can complete related to each subject. For each activity the children complete they will earn 3 Dojos. Should a child choose to do an activity of their own related to the subjects or topic then this too will be rewarded. The 'Homework Topic Sheet' will be shared with parents via Class Dojo and 'pinned' to the Class Dojo for the year group so that it can be referred to throughout the half term.
- 6) We encourage children to take pride in all aspects of school life and homework should be seen as part of this and completed to the high standard expected in all lessons.
- 7) Children who have been identified as 'Spotlight Children' may be assigned further homework tasks. This will be agreed in conjunction with a child's parent or carer and will be tightly linked to a pupil's individual targets.

Year Group Specifics

- Homework, will begin in the second full week of the Autumn term for Reception children.
- In Autumn 2 and Spring all Year 6 children, regardless of parental preference will be provided with SATs revision guides which will constitute the homework during Autumn 2 and Spring term. The homework format will be the same as the rest of the school for Autumn 1 and the Summer terms.

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