



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Following in Jesus' footsteps we live, learn and love

Homework Policy

At St. Joseph's our children are encouraged to reach their full potential through the acquisition of knowledge, confidence and independence. Homework contributes significantly to this and it is also an opportunity for parents to work with their children in a supportive and positive way.

Homework is given to all children so that they may develop and broaden their knowledge, skills and understanding. The homework given will be appropriate for the age and ability of your child.

It should:

- Consolidate, reinforce and share the learning which takes place in school.
- Help your child to become an organised and responsible individual and develop good habits for the future.
- Help your child to become an independent and resilient learner.
- Help them to prepare for work in school.
- Be planned by the class teacher and will vary in type, subject and content.
- Take no longer than 10 minutes in the infants, 20 minutes in lower juniors and 30 minutes in upper juniors.

Examples of the type of work set in each class are detailed in the grid on the attached page.

Additionally, half termly topic related homework (also mentioned overleaf) can be found on the school website.

You can help you child with their homework by:

- Providing a quiet area for them to work in either alone or with a supporting adult.
- Make sure homework is begun well before bedtime or when the child is receptive and fresh.
- Encourage children and praise during and upon completion of homework.
- Encourage children to take pride in their work by ensuring they have the correct equipment.
- Help by testing in a friendly positive way.
- Penning a brief note of any difficulties, upsets or unusual circumstances.
- By not persevering for too long if your child either does not understand or is upset.
- By contacting the school in the event of concerns/issues regarding homework. We will be happy to help.

Year Group	Examples of homework	Timescale and expectations	Where to find homework
Reception	Reading	Daily	Reading record
Year 1	Daily reading Phonics Project homework	Daily As required Half termly	Reading book High frequency word list On a sheet
Year 2	Daily reading Phonics Topic learning challenge related homework	Daily As required Weekly	Reading book Tricky word book Worksheet
Year 3	Spellings to learn. Reading - personal reading book. Reading - library book Topic learning challenge related homework Literacy/ Numeracy homework	Weekly Daily Weekly Half termly When required Weekly/fortnightly	On a sheet Reading book/Book Challenge Book and record Library book and Reading CGP Targeted Question Book/ On a sheet/website
Year 4	Spellings to learn. Reading - personal reading book. Reading - library book Topic learning challenge related homework Literacy/Numeracy homework	Weekly Daily Weekly Half termly When required Weekly/fortnightly	On a sheet Reading book/ Book Challenge Book and record Library book and Reading On a sheet/website CGP Targeted Question Book/ On a sheet, homework diary
Year 5	Spellings to learn. Reading - personal reading book. Reading - library book Topic learning challenge related homework Literacy/Numeracy homework	Weekly Regularly Weekly Half termly When required Weekly/fortnightly	Spelling sheet Reading book/ Book Challenge Book. Library book and Reading On sheet/website CGP Targeted Question Book /on sheet
Year 6	Spellings to learn. Reading - personal reading book. Reading - library book Topic learning challenge related homework Literacy/Numeracy homework Maths booster homework Spring term SATs booster homework	Weekly Regularly Weekly Half termly When required Weekly/Fortnightly Thursday Twice weekly	Spelling sheet Reading book/ Book Challenge Book Library book and Reading On sheet/website CGP Targeted Question Book/on sheet/homework diary Sheet in folder Sheet in folder