



ST. JAMES & ST. JOHN
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that all children need to receive support at home with their learning. Parental involvement encourages children to value school work, whilst extra help to practise basic skills ensures consolidation and continued progress. Children benefit when parents and teachers work in partnership with learning so that there are fewer mixed messages. The ultimate aim is for children to develop the ability and confidence to study independently.

Homework at St James' and St Michael's will take the form of consolidation of basic skills already learnt. Homework will be set each day and handed in the next morning for marking or review.

ORGANISATION

At St James' and St Michael's, children in Year 1 to Year 6 are given a book bag for their reading book and a reading record book. Children from Year 1 onwards will also have an exercise book in which to record the tasks they must complete.

LITERACY

Reading

A large part of all children's homework every evening is made up of reading and for most, this should be done with an adult. Fluent readers should read silently for at least 20 minutes each evening. At least twice a week they should read aloud at home and share a book with an adult.

Reading Record Book

Parents are asked to write in the child's reading record book every time they hear their child read. They are encouraged to include any comments they wish to pass on to the class teacher. In KS2 the child may also write comments on their reading in this book. The teacher must look at the reading record at least once a week.

Spelling

Children are taught to memorise spellings using the "Look Say Cover Write Check" method.. They will receive spelling lists and will be tested weekly.

Word and Sentence Work

Children in Year 1 to Year 3 will write a sentence for each spelling word the amount of spellings and sentences as decided by their class teacher.

Children in Year 4 to Year 6 will need a dictionary to look up the meaning of spelling words. They will write the word and its meaning and will then write sentences using the words correctly. The amount of spellings will increase from 10 to 20 a week. The number of sentences to be decided by the class teacher.

MATHEMATICS

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All children will need to learn their times tables. In Year 1 and in Year 2 they will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 3 and 4 they will revise the 2,5,10, times tables and learn the 3,4 and 6 times tables. In Year 5 and 6 they will revise the tables previously taught and learn the 7,8,9,11,and 12 times tables. The children will be tested weekly to assess their learning.

All children will receive Maths homework in the form of a work book three times a week.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Teachers may set extra homework as necessary. Other forms of homework may take the form of:

- artwork
- telling a story for an adult to write down
- learning poems/songs by heart
- comprehension
- handwriting
- designing
- research for class work
- keeping a diary
- keeping a weather chart
- repeating work done in class
- finishing class work

MARKING

Homework must be marked and feedback given to children.

RECORDING

Children will hand their homework in first thing in the morning. Teaching assistants will maintain a record book of work handed in. Where a child has failed to return or complete work a note should be made in the record and after two failures a note should be sent home to the parent.

EXTRA HOMEWORK

Homework is provided within the schools resources. Parents who require more work for their children could investigate the many skills study booklets which are available from larger booksellers.

APPENDIX 1: HOMEWORK PROGRAMME

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / WE
Nursery	10 mins Phonic Sounds Number Recognition Summer term: reading and writing phonics & numbers	10 mins Phonic Sounds Number Recognition Summer term: reading and writing phonics & numbers	10 mins Phonic Sounds Number Recognition Summer term: reading and writing phonics & numbers	10 mins Phonic Sounds Number Recognition Summer term: reading and writing phonics & numbers	10 mins Phonic Sounds Number Recognition Summer term: reading and writing phonics & numbers
Reception	Reading 10 mins Phonic Sounds 10 mins Counting 5 minutes	Reading 10 mins Phonic Sounds 10 mins Counting 5 minutes	Reading 10 mins Phonic Sounds 10 mins Counting 5 minutes	Reading 10 mins Phonic Sounds 10 mins Counting 5 minutes	Reading 10 mins Phonic Sounds 10 mins Counting 5 minutes
Year 1	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Number Work 10 minutes	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Number Work 10 minutes	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Number Work 10 minutes
Year 2	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 minutes Sentence Work 10 minutes Maths 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 minutes Sentence Work 10 minutes Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 minutes Sentence Work 10 minutes Maths 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 minutes Sentence Work 10 minutes Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 10 mins Spelling 10 minutes Sentence Work 10 minutes Maths 10 mins Times Tables 10 mins

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Year 4	Reading 15 mins Word Work 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Maths 10 mins	Reading 15 mins Word Work 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Maths 10 mins Times Tables	Reading 15 mins Word Work 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Maths 10 mins Times Tables	Reading 15 mins Word Work 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Maths 10 mins Times Tables	Reading 15 mins Word Work 10 mins Sentence Work 10 mins Maths 10 mins
Year 5	Reading 20 mins Spelling 10 min Sentence Work 20 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling 10 min Sentence Work 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling 10 min Sentence Work 20 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling 10 min Sentence Work 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling 10 min Sentence Work 20 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins
Year 6	Reading 20 mins Spelling & Word 15 mins Sentence 15 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling & Word 15 mins Sentence 15 mins Times Tables 10 mins Other	Reading 20 mins Spelling & Word 15 mins Sentence 15 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins	Reading 20 mins Spelling & Word 15 mins Sentence 15 mins Times Tables 10 mins Other	Reading 20 mins Spelling & Word 15 mins Sentence 15 mins Maths 20 mins Times Tables 10 mins