

St Andrew's Primary School

Homework Policy



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What are the aims of this policy?

- To ensure a consistent approach to homework throughout the school.
- To ensure that teachers, parents and children have a clear understanding regarding expectations for homework.
- To ensure that teachers, parents and children are fully aware of the role they play with regard to homework.

What is the purpose of homework?

- To consolidate, reinforce and extend skills and understanding, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to work together.
- To allow parents to gain an understanding of what children are learning in school.
- To allow children to progress towards becoming more independent learners.
- To prepare pupils for Secondary education, where demands for independent learning are greater

What is the role of the school?

- To provide parents with a clear policy regarding homework.
- To ensure this policy is fully and consistently followed.
- To provide support for parents with information about homework.

What is the role of the teacher?

- To plan and set a programme of homework that is appropriate to the needs of the child.
- To ensure all children understand the homework they have been given.
- To mark and give feedback about homework.
- To be available to talk to parents and children about homework.
- To inform parents if there is a problem regarding homework.
- To provide parents with the necessary information eg logins and website/app addresses

What is the role of the parent / carer ?

- To support the child in completing homework.
- To ensure the child completes homework to a high standard and hands it in on time.
- To provide the appropriate conditions for the child to complete the homework.
- To provide the appropriate resources for the child to complete the homework.
- To seek support from school if there are barriers to any of the above.

Homework at St Andrew's Primary School

In our view, homework also involves parents in school work and keeps them informed of what is happening in the classroom, so leading to a fuller understanding of the education of our children.

The Government recommends regular homework for all children from Year 1 upwards. St. Andrew's Primary School has always set homework for our children geared towards achievable targets for the stage of the child. However, we recognise that families have busy lives and that parents may struggle to meet the demands of formal homework for various reasons. This is why our homework can be done by children with limited support from parents and we allow parents to set their own homework schedule to fit around family life.

During each week, children are expected to read at least 3 times, practise Common Exception Word spellings, practise times tables using Times Tables Rockstars and practise Handwriting using the Letterjoin website.

Each learning phase will have slightly different expectations:

Nursery	Reception	Key Stage 1 (y1 and 2)	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 and 6)
Weekly Busy Bags	Phonics LetterJoin Numbots Reading	Phonics or spelling Numbots LetterJoin Reading	CEW spelling TT Rockstars Reading Letterjoin

Parents will be provided with the passwords for the online activities, a list of Common Exception Words and access to the Go Read app to log reading, in which to make comments about their child's reading at home. Parents are only expected to send their child's reading book in to school daily. Parents will be given support and suggestions on how they can timetable and structure their homework schedule for home.

Parents are encouraged to help their child/ren with work at home and try to give them a quiet place in which to work. Children need basic stationary equipment, such as pens, pencils, rulers, etc, and parents are expected to provide children with these at home. If parents are not in a position to provide this, children may loan items from school.

Children need lots of encouragement to do their homework and parents need to praise their achievements and efforts. Parents can contact the class teacher via the Class Dojo messaging system if they would like to discuss any homework further. The class teacher will be responsible for the marking and distribution of homework while the homework co-ordinator will continually monitor the effectiveness and impact.

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