



St. George's R. C. Primary School

Guidelines for Homework

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Our Ethos

It is the belief at St George's that homework is an important link between home and school. Homework encourages the development of good working habits and provides opportunities for parents to be involved in the work of their child and to share in achievement and progress. Without question, the greater and more positive the support from parents the greater the progress the child will make. Homework clubs take place in school to provide additional support for pupils and families.

Our Aims for Homework

- ❖ To enhance and reinforce the work and learning which takes place in school.
- ❖ To increase self-confidence.
- ❖ To help children develop independence, responsibility for and enjoyment of their own learning.
- ❖ To enable parents to be involved on a regular basis with the development of areas of their child's learning.
- ❖ To prepare pupils for Secondary School transfer.

Content of Homework

The school has developed an approach to homework that encourages children to pursue areas of learning which engage and motivate them. Children are given a choice of tasks across curriculum subject areas and can use a range of approaches to record their work. The outcomes of their work at home are shared with the class and celebrated through display and presentations. This approach allows children to direct their own learning.

Alongside these chosen tasks, children work on homework tasks to develop skills in the core subjects. Reading homework, as well as practice and consolidation of work on individual targets for English and Maths, is a feature of homework in all classes.

In Year 6, homework tasks may reflect the focus of the class at different times in the year. Homework tasks may be used to support preparation for end of key stage tests and transition to secondary school.

Feedback on Homework

- ❖ Parents are encouraged to offer feedback on how their child manages homework and support them in its completion
- ❖ Teachers provide feedback to pupils on homework in a variety of ways. This may involve marking written work, discussing approaches to and results of work undertaken at home, enabling presentation of homework to the class, displaying achievements and evaluating homework with the children.
- ❖ Pupils themselves derive great benefit from sharing and learning from the work others have undertaken at home.

General Homework Content

- ❖ Homework will be provided which is manageable, relevant and matched to the abilities of the child. This can be followed-up later in school.
- ❖ Homework activities consolidate and reinforce skills in English and Maths by encouraging the pupils to pursue learning which inspires and motivates them.

- ❖ Pupils may receive tasks that link with work in a range of subjects e.g. gathering information about a particular topic.