

At St. Mary's School, we appreciate how important the links between home and school are, and the need for us to work together to ensure a good education for all our children. Our approach to homework varies throughout the school, according to the age and learning needs of the child and we emphasise the importance of parents working with their child on homework tasks. Homework does not have to be written to be valuable. Reading, spellings and times tables are of vital importance

Research shows that at home children should be encouraged to "make, do and mend" – that is, they should be visiting museums, going to the seaside, making things, taking things to pieces and examining how it has been made, reading with other people, being read to, going for nature walks, baking together, watching T.V. programmes as a family and discussing them, talking about what is in the day's newspaper, shopping together, joining clubs, having music lessons. All of these were of far more value for children than filling in worksheets at home and we would encourage you to all of these sorts of things with your children.

The Purpose of Homework

- To develop an effective partnership between school and parents in pursuing the aims of the school.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.
- To exploit resources for learning, of all kinds, at home.
- To extend school learning, for example through additional learning.
- To encourage pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own.

How Can Parents Help?

You can help by:

- Providing a reasonably peaceful, suitable place for your child to do homework - alone for older children, with an adult for younger children.
- Encourage your child and praise them when they have completed their homework.
- Listen to your child read.
- Read what your child has written.
- Encourage them to check over their work.

What Type of Homework Will My Child Receive?

Reception - 10 minutes a day	Reading Books Letter Formation Word Recognition
Year 1 and 2 - 15 minutes a day	Reading Poems and rhymes to learn Spellings, at the end of Year 2 Occasionally other tasks
Year 3 and 4 - 20 minutes a day	Maths Reading Spelling Tables
Year 5 and 6 - 30 minutes a day	Reading Spelling Tables A weekly maths and / or English tasks

If you need help with your child's homework please contact your child's teacher.

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