

# HOMework POLICY



ST MARY'S LEWISHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words '*As I have loved you, so you must love one another*' (John 13:34).

## Rationale

St Mary's we believe homework forms an important part of pupils' learning and it is intended to reinforce their learning in class.

Children are encouraged to establish good homework habits from the beginning of their school life. We expect parents and carers to support their children's learning by helping them to establish a regular routine for completing their homework tasks.

Homework should not be too onerous or difficult, and all children should be able to do the homework they are set. Tasks will be adapted to meet the needs of individual pupils.

## Reading

Reading is a vital skill for children to acquire and reading at home every day will help them to become fluent readers. We therefore expect all children throughout the school to read daily:

- In Nursery and Reception class, children bring home story books each week for their parents/carers to read to them.
- Children in Reception class, KS1 and, where needed in KS2, are expected to read to an adult each day.
- Independent readers in KS2 should spend at least 20 minutes reading, and write a comment about what they have read in their reading journal.
- In addition, parents are encouraged to read to their child every day, particularly in EYFS and KS1

## Online learning

The expectation is that, with the exception of personalised maths, Elmer words in Year 1, and where pupils are given personalised spellings, **all homework in KS1 and KS2 will be online** and paper copies of home learning will **not** be given out. The school will support families to access a device or the internet where this is needed.

As schools increasingly expect pupils to do online learning at home, we believe it is essential to empower all children at St Mary's to be able to access their homework online.

The school will use the following online learning platforms:

Purple Mash



IXL (KS2 )



MS Teams (Years 5 and 6)



## Overview of homework tasks

Homework is set every week for children in Reception class, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2

Homework tasks are **set on a Friday** and should be **completed by the following Tuesday**. The homework should be related to what the children are currently doing in class and there should be variety in the types of tasks set. All homework is monitored and followed up if not completed.

### Nursery

Children are encouraged to complete a home learning activity each week and to read with a family member every day.

### Reception

Children should complete one piece of home learning linked to their topic.  
They are also expected to read daily and learn their 'Elmer' high frequency words.

### KS1

Children in Years 1 and 2 should not be expected to do large amounts of homework and tasks should be kept simple to reinforce their learning in maths and literacy. Homework will be set weekly on **Purple Mash** and will include:

- Maths, including personalised maths and any online task
- A reading or phonics task and spellings to learn
- In addition, children may be set an activity that links to their learning in another subject
- Children are also expected to read at home daily and, in Year 1, learn their Elmer words

### Lower KS2

Homework for pupils in Years 3 and 4 will be set on **Purple Mash**

Weekly homework should include:

- Maths, including personalised maths and any online task, including IXL
- 1 x literacy task
- Times tables practice
- Weekly spellings
- Children are expected to read at home every day and write a comment in their reading journal in addition to their other homework

### Upper KS2

Homework for pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be set on **Microsoft Teams** and **Purple Mash**

Weekly homework should include:

- Maths, including personalised maths and any online task, including IXL
- 1 x literacy task
- Times tables practice
- Weekly spellings
- Children are expected to read at home every day and write a comment in their reading journal in addition to their other homework

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