

St Andrews Primary School

Homework Policy

“Doing homework helps children to develop important skills, in particular those of independent learning.” (Quote from DfE)

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.

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

Parents will be provided with the passwords for the online activities, a list of Common Exception Words and a Reading Record book, in which to make comments about their child’s reading at home. Parents are expected to send their child’s reading book and record 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 borrow 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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Chair of Governors: Mr P Hardy

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