

# St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



## Homework Policy 2020/21

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We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At St Joseph the Worker we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- It can inform parents of year group expectations;
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It can be some quality time for parents and children;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- It helps to foster good habits of organization and self discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Homework at our school

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, we also believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning and this should be discussed with your child's class teacher.

We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring individual children and families to set their own routines. Individual teachers are happy to give advice.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves and homework registers will be kept by class teachers. If a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and their parents.

Children's weekly homework will consist of:

- Reading book (which may include comprehension questions)
- Times tables / number facts activities
- Handwriting practice
- Phonics and/or spellings

During Spring term (whilst the children are preparing for their tests) the expectation for Year 6 and Year 2 children will be different and parents will be invited into school early January for a meeting to explain this.

### Our routines and expectations

All classes give out weekly homework on a Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday. There should be a clear explanation/reminder from the teacher of what is expected.

Each child has a homework book and folder and the majority of tasks are kept in there. Work that needs marking (and is not feeding into other class work) will be returned to the folder. This should happen each week.

We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil or black pen.

Occasionally children may be given homework related to class topics or a homework project. This is important as it helps parents to know more about what is going on in class and to support enthusiasm for learning.

***It is our policy not to give homework over the holidays and half term breaks. The exception will be where the parent and teacher agree that extra work would be beneficial***

