

St Laurence C E Primary School

Homework Policy

The purpose of homework

- The main purpose is for schools and parents to work in partnership. Children should not see learning as something that only takes place in school but is an essential part of all aspects of life. By working with parents children are helped to understand the importance of learning and how much their parent's value both learning and school.
- Homework is essential if we are to consolidate children's learning particularly in literacy and numeracy. Many skills can be introduced and taught in school but the practise that children can get at home is essential.
- Exploiting the resources for learning at home and putting newly learnt skills into context.
- Extending children's learning by further exploration or reading.
- Encouraging children to develop the life long habit of learning, the self discipline required for studying on their own and specifically for preparation for secondary school.

Special Educational Needs: Although it is important for children with special educational needs to do as much in common with the other children as possible, there will be occasions when they may benefit from additional or different tasks to meet their specific needs.

The able child: It is acknowledged that sometimes the able child needs to be given homework that is particularly challenging and therefore on occasions it may be different to that set to the rest of the class.

There is no doubt that a successful homework policy requires the support and commitment of both parents and school.

The school will:

- Inform parents of what is expected of them and their child
- Inform parents of when homework will be set
- Inform parents of when the homework must be submitted
- Mark the homework and give feedback to children
- Inform parents when homework has not been received

Parents will:

- Ensure that their child completes their homework
- Support their child if necessary
- Ensure that the homework is submitted by the appropriate date
- Inform the school if there are genuine reasons for the homework not being completed

The school will provide the resources required for most homework activities such as spelling sheets and reading books. It will not set homework which requires any significant expense.

The school's homework timetable is as follows

Class	Content	Given out	Handed in / tested
Reception	Sounds and Key Words Reading	Monday	Not handed in
Year 1	Reading, they have 2 books for the week. Spellings	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Reading, they have 2 books for the week. Spellings and times tables	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Reading, change own books Spellings Maths task	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Spellings One additional task (various) Reading	Monday	Friday
Year 5	Reading Spelling One additional task (various)	Monday Thursday	Friday Following Thursday
Year 6	Reading Spellings and tables Maths or Literacy Activity(based on reading book)	Monday Wednesday Friday	Friday Monday Monday