



## St Mary's Primary School – Homework Policy

### Introduction

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At St Mary's Primary School, we believe that homework is an important part of every child's learning journey. It helps to reinforce classroom learning, build good study habits, and develop independence. Homework at St Mary's is designed to be meaningful, manageable, and appropriate to each child's age and stage.

Our aim is to work in partnership with families to support pupils in developing their skills, confidence and love of learning beyond the classroom.

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#### Homework Expectations by Year Group

##### Year R (Reception)

- **Daily Sound Practice:** Children will bring home the sounds they are learning in class to practise at home.
- **Sharing Stories:** We encourage parents to share books and stories with their children daily to build early literacy and foster a love of reading.

##### Year 1

- **Daily Reading:** Children should read with an adult each day. Books will be sent home regularly from school.
- **Spellings:** Weekly spelling lists will be provided for practice at home in preparation for in-class spelling checks.

##### Year 2

- **Daily Reading:** Continued focus on regular reading with an adult to improve fluency and comprehension.
- **Spellings:** Weekly spelling practice to support phonics and vocabulary development.
- **Mathletics:** Children will be set regular tasks to complete on Mathletics to reinforce key maths skills.
- **Multiples Marathon:** Ongoing practice of times tables and number patterns through fun challenges.

##### Years 3 – 6

- **Daily Reading:** Pupils should read daily, either independently or with an adult, and record this in their reading log.
  - **Spellings:** Weekly spelling lists to be practised at home ahead of weekly tests.
  - **Mathletics:** Regular online maths homework will be set via Mathletics to consolidate classwork.
  - **Multiples Marathon:** Continued focus on learning and applying times tables and number facts through interactive tasks and challenges.
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#### *Additional Notes*

- Homework should take a short amount of time each day. If your child is finding it too difficult or time-consuming, please speak to the class teacher.
  - Parents are encouraged to support and encourage their child, but not to complete the work for them.
  - Teachers will monitor homework regularly and provide feedback where appropriate. Each class will have a hand in day and if the work is handed in late it will not be marked.
  - Homework may occasionally include additional tasks linked to topic work, writing, or creative projects.
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#### *Conclusion*

Homework is an important part of the home-school partnership at St Mary's. We value the support of our families in helping children practise and apply their learning outside the classroom, and we thank you for working with us to support your child's development.

If you have any questions or concerns about homework, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.