



St. James' CE Primary School

Homework Policy

2017-2018

At St. James' we strive to make homework a purposeful experience that complements the children's learning in school. The following are our homework guidelines which we ask to be completed in children's own time:

- Each half term, and during school holidays, a homework project (optional) is set linked to the children's topics in school. This will generally require a research project and/or a practical 'making' project which should be brought into school and celebrated. Details will be posted on children's year group pages on our website;
- All children to read at home nightly. This should be recorded and commented upon in children's home-school contact books from Reception to Year 6. Children will receive incentives and prizes for 20 consecutive days (4 school weeks) of reading at home with parents. We offer advice and workshops to parents regularly on how to read at home with your children and are introducing new schemes in Key Stage One;
- All children will have 10 spelling words to learn for the week taken from age-related National Curriculum expectations and an optional 10 extra spellings which will be differentiated according to ability (some will be 'sight' or 'common exception' words which are tricky to sound out). Spelling rules are taught in school but additional practise at home really helps. Children will be tested on 10 spellings every week;
- Children will have number bonds or times tables to learn and practise at home for weekly tests on these in addition to work set within their own workbooks;
- All children will be set 'Mathletics' activities appropriate to their learning in school as an extension activity (optional). They receive certificates once they reach certain levels with this computer-based system They will also receive Maths work with appropriate work for their weekly learning;
- Year 2 & 6 children may have additional workbooks for revision to help with their SATs. Children's class teachers will give more information on any work that is set using these;
- Homework is always set on a Friday and due on the Wednesday of the following week. We offer a weekly homework club on a Friday where children can have extra teacher support if they wish as well as opportunities to complete homework during the children's time during the school day;
- Extra homework/workbooks/topic books will be displayed on the website should parents wish to extend the homework we set in school. These will not be marked by class teachers.