

St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

Homework Policy

The main focus of homework for our children is on literacy and numeracy. As the children move through the school, homework will include other subjects but the focus will remain on literacy and numeracy. Children should be able to complete homework independently but there may be times when activities will necessitate the involvement of parents and carers. Homework is not to teach the children something new, but to reinforce previous learning. At all times it should be remembered that children respond well to encouragement and support with their learning even when they are working independently or finding things difficult.

Reading, spellings and tables

Children throughout the school are expected to read or be read to, and learn their spellings and their tables every night. They should spend about 30 minutes each night on these activities. Children are then tested on their spellings and tables on a weekly/fortnightly basis.

Homework tasks

In addition to their reading, spellings and tables, children will be given tasks to complete. The time they spend on these will increase as the children move through the school:-

Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) between 30 minutes and an hour a week.

Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) between 1 and 2 hours a week.

This homework may be asked to be handed in the following day, the following week or may be a project that lasts longer. The deadline dates for all homework will be written into each child's homework diary.

To help with their maths/English homework the school provides Mathematics/Times Table Rockstars/Spelling Shed online resources for the pupils to access from home.

Homework diaries

Children in each year group are given diaries in which to write down the homework that they are being asked to do and will also be used to record their daily reading comments. Parents and carers will be asked to sign the diary each week as an acknowledgement that work has been completed, or to write an explanation as to why the homework has not been completed.

Children are expected to complete homework tasks unless there is a good reason for not doing so. The active support of parents and carers in ensuring that adequate time and effort are allocated to homework tasks, and that these

are completed and submitted on time, is a major element in achieving the desired educational aims. Homework and relevant information, where possible, will be uploaded to the homework section of each Year Group on the school's VLE.

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