



Homework Policy

ST. ANNE'S FULSHAW C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Policy for Homework

Rationale

The school believes that homework is beneficial as it reinforces children's learning. Homework should be linked to work taking place in the classroom and it should not be given in isolation.

Aims

1. To help children consolidate their learning.
2. To offer parents a partnership with the school by raising awareness of the current work and to involve them in their child's learning.
3. To develop good habits for work that has to be done at home, especially older children who will soon transfer to the secondary phase.

Methods

1. Children in the junior classes will have a designated homework book for work at home. Parents are invited to sign this to recognise that they are monitoring homework.
2. All children have a reading record book that goes home each night. Into this book is written particulars of the child's reading pattern and for children on the school's reading scheme, written comments by the teacher or adult who has been working with them. Parents hear their child read, or monitor their child's reading and sign that they have done so. Comments from parents are encouraged.
3. Work to be done at home begins in Class One, this is usually:-

Reception Phonics (learning sounds and their names)
Reading
Learning specific words from the Letters and Sounds

Yr. 1/Yr. 2 Spelling / phonic patterns
Reading
Mathematics
Topic Work (if appropriate)

Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Spelling / phonic patterns
Multiplication tables
Mathematics
Reading
Topic Work (if appropriate)

In Year 6, homework may include revision and practice papers for SATs.

Time Allocation for Homework

This should not be excessive as children work hard during the school day and need some time for recreation. The following times apply as a maximum:

- Reception 10-15 minutes per evening
- Yr.1/Yr.2 10-15 minutes for reading, 10-20 minutes for mathematics
- Yr.3/Yr.4 15-20 minutes reading per evening, 20 minutes each for other tasks set once a week
- Yr.5/Yr.6 30 minutes reading each evening, other tasks 30 minutes (once a week). All activities should take 30 minutes per session.

In Year 6 children may be asked to complete practice tests for SATs, these may be up to a maximum of 30 minutes.

The homework timetable for each class is clearly explained in class letters and at the Meet the Teacher Evenings each September.

Children who are completing Wave 2 and 3 intervention programmes may be given homework to support specific learning. This should be returned to school the following day.

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