



St. Mary's Priory Catholic Infant & Junior Schools

<http://www.stmaryspriory.co.uk/>

Home Learning Policy

October 2018

Date to be reviewed: November 2020

At St Mary's we believe that Home Learning should serve the following purposes:

1. To encourage self-discipline and personal organisation.
2. To create additional time for structured learning.
3. To bridge the gap between home and school allowing parents direct involvement in their child's learning.
4. To revise, consolidate and extend prior learning.

Home/School Links

Teachers

- Class teachers will send home a termly curriculum newsletter giving details of when home learning is due
- Our school website has links to resources that can support our children's learning:
<http://www.stmaryspriory.co.uk/class-pages/>

Parents/Carers

- Parents/Carers should sign their children's home learning.
- Parents should also sign their child's reading record.

Failure to complete home learning for 3 weeks will generate a letter sent to Parent/Carers.

Foundation Stage

In the Foundation stage, Nursery and Reception Classes work in partnership with parents to support their children in their learning and development. Teachers and parents discuss and agree on next steps of learning on 2/3 areas of development matters each term. These are reviewed regularly during parent consultation meetings.

Children are encouraged to read with parental support every day. Reception Parents/Carers should then sign and add comments in their 'reading record'.

Children also take their 'special books' home termly or whenever requested. Photographs, drawings and paintings are added into the special book showing interests and their development at home and in the wider community.

Reception Class

In the Autumn Term, letters and sounds are given to the children to learn daily. In the Spring and Summer Terms 'Sound Folders' are given once a week.

Year 1

- In the Autumn Term a piece of literacy and numeracy is given each week.
- In the Spring Term two pieces of literacy and numeracy is given relating to the topic the children are working on.
- Weekly spellings
- On a weekly basis the children will read their reading books and library books.

- We value reading both for enjoyment and learning, and encourage children to use public libraries.
- Parent/Carers must sign their child's reading record.
- Homework should be initialed and dated by parent/carers...

Years 2 – 6

- Literacy and Numeracy tasks will be set weekly.
- Homework should include at least 15 minutes of daily reading, weekly spellings and revision of times tables.

- We value reading both for enjoyment and learning, and encourage children to use public libraries.
- RE homework will be set throughout each topic.
- Additional pieces may be set for other subjects at the teachers' discretion.



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Dear Parent/Carer,

- Your child ----- has not completed his/her homework for three weeks.
- Your child's reading record has not been signed.

Please return the slip below to confirm that you have received this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Class Teacher.

I/We have read the letter regarding my child's homework.

Signed

Date:

Please comment below: