

St Augustine's Catholic Primary & Nursery School, a
Voluntary Academy

Homework Policy



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ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOMEWORK POLICY

As a school we believe homework is an important part of children's education for the following reasons:

- It can help pupils to make more progress in their learning.
- It can help pupils become more independent learners and workers.
- It can reinforce and enable practice of valuable skills learned in the class.
- It gives parents/carers opportunities to be involved in their children's work.
- It gives children chance to carry out long term research.
- The routine of homework helps prepare the children for homework at secondary school.

Below is a table for each class and the model of the homework teachers will expect children to complete when given. As we feel parents are an integral part of children's learning we appreciate their support and encouragement.

Foundation Stage should expect to spend 5 minutes each night on homework tasks, Key Stage 1 between 10 – 15 minutes, and Key Stage 2 between 20 – 30 minutes.

Foundation and Key Stage 1

Foundation Stage 1 Nursery	Library books Topic activity
Foundation Stage 2 Reception	Reading (Independent/guided) Phonics
Key Stage 1 (Years 1&2)	Reading and spelling in line with phonics ability Maths/times tables activity Reading 5-10 minutes at least 5 times a week

Key Stage 2

Years 3&4	Reading 10-15 minutes at least 5 times a week 1 Piece of Literacy 1 Piece of Maths Timestables Spellings
Years 5&6	Reading 15 minutes or more at least 5 times a week

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Homework tasks will suit the ability of the pupil, and (at the discretion of individual teachers), some children may receive extra pieces of homework.

Organisation of homework

- All children at school have a Reading Diary for teachers and parents/carers to record progress and make comments.
- Allowances are made for children who are unable to complete their homework in unavoidable circumstances. It may be possible for a pupil to complete the work in school.
- Teachers will make sure the homework task is clearly explained and children understand the task. If there are any concerns about the homework teachers will take the time to offer further explanation.
- In Key Stage 2 there is an expectation that homework will be returned on given date by all children.
- Parents will be informed by teachers if homework is not completed or handed in regularly.

Parental Help

- We would like parents/carers of children in Foundation Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 to hear their child read five times a week for between 5 – 10 minutes. This is found to be more advantageous than one long session per week. Children in Key Stage 2 also benefit from reading at least 5 times a week.
- Once hearing their child read parents/carers should sign the reading diary.
- Parents/carers should encourage their child to complete and hand in their homework on time.
- Parents/carers should provide a calm and peaceful environment for children to work in at home.
- Whereas we welcome parental support with their child's homework, it is very important that the work is the child's not the parent's.

School Support for Parents/carers

- Autumn and Spring term parents' evenings
- Teachers can be contacted via the school office for any queries regarding homework.