



# St Martin's School

# Homework Policy

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Homework provides an opportunity for home and school to work together to support a child's learning. We want to ensure that homework reflects the age and stage of a child's learning and also provides communication to parents about the types of learning activities we are focused on in school.

### Purpose

Homework provides opportunities;

- for children to consolidate learning that has taken place in class
- to share their learning with their family
- to engage parents and carers in their children's learning

There needs to be a fine balance to ensure that homework is purposeful and manageable for children, parents and teachers.

For Year 2 to Year 6, each week a homework sheet will be sent home. The nature and frequency of homework will vary according to Key Stage and class. Homework will be sent out on a set day by each class teacher and parents will be informed on the occasions when homework will not be set. Through providing a weekly homework sheet, parents also gain a greater understanding of the work that is being completed in school. This provides class teachers with a regular weekly spot to communicate with parents, provide them with reminders and tell parents about the curriculum that the class are working on.

The system that has been developed at St Martin's enables children to access a range of homework activities linked to their current learning. The expectation is that children should read, practise timestables and spellings each week. Other optional tasks may involve children discussing questions or learning with their parents, playing a game, speaking and listening activities or vocabulary to practise. Sometimes, a project-based approach may be more appropriate, involving pupils in research, analysis and collation and presentation activities.

Children are asked to reflect on one element of their homework and parents are expected to sign and write a comment about their child's reading. The class teacher will ensure that they have looked at all completed homework charts and initialled and given comments as appropriate.

The reality of every day family life can also be taken into account and tasks can be undertaken in relation to children's' after school schedules and family commitments.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will bring home reading books (Read Write Inc). During the year, suggested home learning activities will be shared e.g. to try out a recipe, discuss a topic, ask questions. In Nursery, Reception and Year 1, teachers will also communicate ways to support your child at home e.g. reading books together, maths games to play etc.

### Parent Involvement

The role of parents in supporting the out of school learning of their children is crucial. This approach to homework enables parents to be involved in their children's learning and their role in supporting their children's learning experiences should not be underestimated.

By parents and teachers working together in partnership, their children's learning will be enriched and parents can become actively involved in supporting learning outside of the classroom.



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