



St Martin's School

# Homework Policy

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## Homework Policy

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
- for children to be supported through pre-learning of work that is going to happen in class
- to share their learning with their family
- to engage parents and carers in their children's learning and wellbeing

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

For Years 2 to 6, homework activities will be shared via an online platform called Seesaw. The nature of the homework will vary according to Key Stage, class and purpose, however will comprise of one **enrichment task** which is set weekly each Monday (on Seesaw or Tapestry) and is linked to a child's current learning in class. This may involve watching and responding to a video clip in advance of a related lesson in school. It may be a follow-up activity to deepen learning from a lesson that has occurred. Sometimes, it may be a project-based approach, involving pupils in making, researching, analysis and/or presentation activities.

Alongside the enrichment task, there will be three ongoing tasks of

- ☐ **Reading**
- ☐ **Spelling practice**
- ☐ **Times Tables and number bonds practice**

The expectation is that children spend a daily slot of time on the above three tasks, as this is essential in supporting a child's ongoing learning development in these areas. The time given to the enrichment task will vary depending on purpose.

Additionally, **wellbeing** optional activities will be posted on some weeks to encourage access to social, emotional and physical support.

This system that has been developed at St Martin's to enable all children to access homework activities that have a purpose. Children can share and reflect on their homework by posting responses on Seesaw. The class teacher will acknowledge on Seesaw that they have done this and may provide feedback.

Class teachers will monitor how each child manages with the homework shared on Seesaw as well as their ongoing homework tasks, and if needed will contact parents if it is felt that the child may need further support with completing.

Children in Year 1 will concentrate on reading and spelling activities, and on some weeks an enrichment activity. Reception will bring home reading books to read and share and during the week, a suggested home learning activity will be shared on Tapestry e.g. to try out a recipe, discuss a topic, ask questions. In Nursery, and Reception 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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