

ST BERNADETTE'S HOMEWORK POLICY

Our Mission

Learn to Love: Love to Learn

At St. Bernadette's Catholic School you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you

Rationale

At St. Bernadette's homework is given to all children. It aims to:

- bridge the gap between home and school, allowing parents direct involvement in their child's learning,
- encourage self discipline and personal organisation
- provide an opportunity for children to reinforce or extend the learning which has taken place in class.

The nature of homework

Homework will:

- Be set for clearly defined purposes, not for its own sake.
- Vary in its nature and will not always be of a formal pencil and paper style.
- May include extension of work begun in class, additional research, reading, learning of tables and spellings, or collecting of information.
- Be followed up in class and made clear to children that tasks are not optional.

Frequency of homework

The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of the child. Children and parents are notified of their homework timetable at the beginning of the school year. Children will be given **English homework on a Tuesday which should be completed by Friday and mathematics homework on a Friday which should be completed by the following Thursday**. This is reinforced at the welcome meetings which are timetabled in September. The table below sets out a general guide for the quantity of homework given to each year band. **All children should read every night**. An RE prayer bag will be sent home on a rota basis (one bag for one child in each class) throughout the year.

Incomplete homework

Children should be encouraged to get into a routine for homework. All homework should be signed and dated by parents. The children in Key Stage 2 will be encouraged to use a homework diary to aid their personal organisation.

Class teachers will set a homework timetable in welcome meetings at the start of the academic year and will notify parents of this.

If a child fails to produce a piece of homework the teacher concerned will log this and remind the children in class time. Teachers will keep their own record of incomplete or late homework. A text will be sent to parents when children have not completed their homework. Those children who have completed all homework will benefit from 10 minutes of Golden time.

NURSERY	Take home book (each week each child takes one book to share with parents), RE/ Prayer bag (taken home once a week)
RECEPTION	Reading each night (Diary to be signed three times weekly). Word list booklet (words build up throughout the year). Practising Maths skills each week on Numbots.(15 minutes per week) Prayer bag and Bear in a Bag (taken home once a week). Spelling words to learn (summer term)
KEY STAGE 1	Reading each night (Diary to be signed three times weekly) Practising spellings each week on spelling shed (10 spelling shed activities) Practising Maths skills each week on Numbots or TTRS (20 minutes per week minimum)
YEAR 3 and 4	Reading each night (Diary to be signed three times weekly) Practising spellings each week on spelling shed (10 spelling shed activities) Times tables on TTRS (20 minutes per week)
YEAR 5 and 6	Reading each night (Diary to be signed three times weekly) Practising spellings each week on spelling shed (10 spelling shed activities) Times tables on TTRS (20 minutes per week) Complete weekly comprehension exercise in CGP books Complete weekly maths task in White Rose Practice Journal.

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Dear Parent:

Re: Homework.

At St. Bernadette's we set homework as we believe it:

- bridges the gap between home and school, allowing parents direct involvement in their child's learning,
- encourages self discipline and personal organisation
- provides an opportunity for children to reinforce or extend the learning which has taken place in class.

Your child has not completed homework this term on _____ occasions. Please refer to your child's communication diary where the missed homework pieces have been indicated.

This situation will continue to be monitored. It is vitally important that all homework is completed and handed in on time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Cowings
Headteacher

Child's name: _____ Child's class: _____

I have received a letter regarding my child's homework.

Signed: _____