

# St Paul's C.E. Primary School

## Homework Policy

Homework is an integral part of school life. At St Paul's we aim to make homework relevant, purposeful and manageable. Homework will always reflect the work that the children are currently doing in class. It will be used to support and consolidate children's learning; foster independence; encapsulate a love of reading and keep parents up to date about what is happening in class.

Parental support is crucial to ensuring a child's progress and attainment at school. We ask that you take an active interest in your child's homework; listen to them read on a daily basis and ask them questions on the story/ content; help them learn and practice mental maths strategies, counting (forwards and backwards), learn number bonds and multiplication tables; encourage and support research into our new curriculum subjects and guide them in their written mathematics.

There is an expectation that all children will complete all homework set and return it to school on the date set. Teachers will usually give a few days for written homework to be completed; however maths may be required the next day. All homework set for year 6 must be completed as this is part of their preparation for high school and for SAT's.

We expect **all** children to read with an adult on a daily basis. Please ensure you sign your child's reading planner on a regular basis. It is acceptable for children in Year5 and 6 to record and sign their own planners. Please encourage your child to read a wide range of books.

**Please note** In accordance to the New Curriculum September 2014, children will not automatically be given a new reading book. They could be asked to reread the book again to increase their fluency and intonation.

We have bought new books for written maths homework. Each child will be given the book which meets their individual needs. Each book is fully compatible with the New Curriculum for each Year group. The older children may go on to levelled books as they prepare for National Assessment. Written maths homework will be given on a regular basis.

**Please note. There will be a charge of £1.50 to replace lost maths books**

**Reception** Reading and sharing books (daily); practicing letter sounds and knowing the numbers to 20.

**Year 1** Reading (daily); mental maths (counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's, number bonds to 20); written maths and research.

**Year 2** Reading (daily); mental maths (counting in 2's, 3's and 5's, number bonds and multiplication/division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables); written maths and research.

**Year 3** Reading (daily); mental maths (counting 4's, 8's, 50's and 100's, multiplication/division facts tables for 3, 4 and 8 times tables); written maths and research.

**Year 4** Reading (daily); mental maths (counting in 6's, 7's, 9's, 25's and 1000's; multiplication tables/ division facts for all tables to 12x12); written maths and research.

**Year 5** Reading (daily); mental maths (identify—all multiples and factors, all multiplication and division facts); written maths and research.

**Year 6** Reading (daily); mental maths (identify—all multiples, factors and prime numbers; all multiplication/division facts); written maths and research.

If you have any concerns about your child's homework, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

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