

St. Michael's C of E Aided School



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Policy: *Homework*

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At St Michael's Primary School we believe that homework should be purposeful and relevant. It should support and enhance learning at school, encourage children in becoming more responsible learners and play an important role in fostering home-school links.

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school
- Ensure that parents and guardians have a clear understanding about expectations of themselves and of their children.
- Support and extend children's learning through a focus on basic skills
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together and enjoy learning experiences.

The Purpose of Homework

- Foster an effective partnership between home and school
- Consolidate and reinforce the learning of key skills
- Enhance school learning, exploiting resources for learning of all kinds.
- Encourage confidence, responsibility and love of learning, preparing them for the future.

Type of Homework

Homework at St Michael's Primary School focuses on the following areas:

Reading

At St Michael's we ask that all children read daily at home with a parent or carer as well as reading independently. Specific targeted groups of children needing additional support, are read with on a daily basis in school. Each week in our Celebration worship the 'reading rocket' trophy is awarded to the class who have read the most across the school.

Phonics and Spellings

In Reception, children will have a 'sounds' tin and will have daily phonics and or key words to be practicing at home.

Children in Year One upwards, will be given spellings and tested regularly on them.



Number Facts and Times Tables

All children are asked to focus on mental recall of number bonds and times tables. These will be supported by number games (Bare Necessities), Mathletics and Monster Maths. These skills too will be tested regularly.

Other Types of Activity

In KS2 project type homework which is linked to the current topic may be set.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We would like to encourage parents to:

- Read daily with your children and to write any comments in their reading diary
- Play number games (eg Bare Necessities) with your children
- Value homework and explain to their child how important it is and to support the school in explaining how it can help their learning

Concerns

Should you have any concerns about the homework your child is receiving, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.