



ST JAMES' C.E. (Controlled) PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEW HOMEWORK POLICY
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Dear Parents,

For some time there has been some concern amongst children, staff and parents, about homework. Concerns have been around how much set, when set, purpose, marking, feedback and so on. In order to make things crystal clear, I have been working over the holidays on a new, simple Homework Policy, which is outlined below. This policy will be applied throughout school, and requires commitment from all children, parents and staff, to make it work. Homework is a requirement in law, but I am also concerned about the rights of children to a childhood. I hope that the new policy will clearly meet all these requirements.

KSF F1 children will be given:

- A nursery rhyme book to learn traditional rhymes
- A library book that the children choose and is changed weekly

F2 children will be given:

- ReadWriteInc Homebook with the sounds and words the children are learning that week, to read and practise writing. These are given out on Thursdays.
- A library book that the children choose and is changed weekly

KS1 - all children will be given age appropriate:

- Word or letter work – this will be in their orange Home Book and relates to the “Read Write Inc” work the children are covering that week
These words or letters are for reading, spelling and writing purposes. Ideas for their use are inside the orange Home Book
- Reading: each child will be heard read in class, individually or in a group, as appropriate for their age and ability.
- Reading book: They will bring home one reading book and one library book each week to share with parents
- Times tables are also put in the back of the Home Book for children to learn by heart. In school, when they feel ready, they can do a “Times Table Challenge”
- Occasionally, we will ask the children to complete an additional activity at home, usually related to the current topic. e.g. Questionnaire about toys from the past

KS2 Yr3 and 4 Mrs Collins, Miss Weir, Mrs Roberts

- Spellings/times tables weekly –given out Monday tested on Friday. Parents and children, please make sure that spelling & times tables books are returned to school each Friday ready for the next weeks work on a Monday.
- Reading : each child will be heard read in class, individually or in a group, as appropriate for their age and ability.
- Reading book: They will bring home one reading book and one library book each week to share with parents Children may be give a reading activity to complete at home.
- Homework project per term on the topic they are studying.

KS2 Yr5 and 6 Mr Richards, Mrs Seville, Mr Doyle, Mrs Gallagher

As above plus

- one homework project per term on the topic the children are studying
- Extra maths, English and science
- SATs preparation work

French, German and Spanish Y3-6

This is taught for one hour every week by Mr Jones and Mrs Leak over two years. Throughout this time homework will be:

- Infrequent informal tasks such as finishing off, making small items for a game in class
 - Formal research, consisting of one side of A4 (Y5/6) and A5 (Y3/4) written work, (if using the internet please make sure script is written in a child's own words not just cut & paste from wiki) together with a print out of some pictures, brought into school, then copied into school books. This will cover such areas as;
 - ✓ A famous French/German/Spanish person from a list provided, when we do
What is your name?
 - ✓ A famous French/German/Spanish town or city from a list provided, when we do
Where do you live?
- And in the second year of French
- ✓ A French menu, when we do
"Bon appertit"Enjoy your meal
 - ✓ A French fashion designer or leader, when we do
"Qu'est-ce que tu portes"What are you wearing?
- Revising for a test each half term. One will be on words learnt in class, one on facts to do with France and Europe.

For everyone

Each week the teacher will expect children to learn their homework and do their reading. In the older classes, children will have a homework diary, and there will be an expectation that homework is completed and handed in on time. This homework will be marked and the

standards briefly discussed with the child where appropriate. Missing or late homework will not be marked, and a record of these will be kept by the teacher. We will tell you about this as parents at parents evenings if necessary.

The Senior Leadership Team, (myself, Head teacher, Mrs Leak, Deputy Head, and Mrs. Taylor, Assistant Head), will be closely monitoring test results and records, and reading records, to ensure that the staff remain committed to them, and to ask why children may not be doing well, or parents not signing in the record, and so on.

If you continue to have any problems with homework, please do not hesitate to speak to me or the class teacher.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding

Kind Regards

Chris Jones Head teacher

