



TO BECOME PROFICIENT IN ANY FIELD YOU MUST  
PRACTISE. THERE IS SIMPLY NO ACHIEVEMENT  
WITHOUT PRACTICE AND THE MORE PRACTICE,  
PROVIDED IT IS DONE INTELLIGENTLY, THE  
GREATER WILL THE PROFICIENCY BE AND THE  
SOONER WILL IT BE ATTAINED.

- EMMET FOX -

### Homework at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

#### ***What is the point of homework?***

Homework is all about practising the skills that the children have learnt in school. All homework set is based on learning that has taken place in the classroom that week. The aim of the homework is to reinforce and consolidate your child's learning.

#### ***What homework is set?***

Homework will vary in some year groups. Reception will focus on early reading and phonics. Key Stage 1 and 2 will be set writing and maths alternate weeks and a termly RE homework. Year 6 will be set English/Maths and Grammar.

In addition to the homework that is set, it is vital that all children read regularly at home, out loud to someone, to develop prosody and fluency, for at least 10 minutes 5 times a week and practise their times tables (Key Stage 2).

#### ***How long should it take to complete homework?***

Your child should understand what is being set for homework and it should not take your child more than 20 minutes to complete their set homework.

### Homework in different year groups

#### ***Reception***

When phonics teaching begins, the children will bring home a phonics booklet. There will be one for each phase of their learning. This booklet will be in line with the phonics teaching and parents will be asked to complete specific sounds weekly – reinforcing the learning that has taken place in the classroom. The booklets will be handed back into school at the end of each phase.

## **Year 1 – 6**

All children will bring home a pink homework book. Please ensure that homework completed is in this book. Inside the front cover, there is a homework reminder sheet.

Homework is set on a Friday by your child's class teacher and can be accessed on their class TEAM. There is no need to print off the homework, your child can access it directly from TEAMS.

Once they have completed their homework, please photograph the work and upload it on TEAMS by Wednesday morning. Class teachers will respond to your child's homework before Friday, when the next homework is set.

Spellings will also be set weekly on TEAMS. All children will be given a green spelling book. This book is for their tests only – please do not practise your child's spellings in this book. Children need to have their spelling book in school on a **Thursday** for their test and will bring it home on Friday enabling you to see how they have done and practise any words that might need a bit more work.

Homework that is set is maths and writing alternate weeks, and RE once termly. There will be no set homework over a half term/end of term holiday, although a reading challenge will often be set.

## **Year 6**

When children reach Year 6, in order to begin to prepare them for their transition to secondary school there is an increase in the work that they are asked to do at home. The children are asked to complete English/Maths and Grammar activities weekly, and at Easter the children are given the opportunity to purchase CGP revision books to support them with their preparation for the SATS tests in May.

## **Adaptations**

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we recognise that sometimes, there are exceptional circumstances whereby children are unable to access and complete the homework. As a result, the children are at a disadvantage of falling behind their peers. We want to ensure that all children have access to the homework so if you are unable to access TEAMS, please speak directly to your child's Class Teacher and we will work with you to provide adaptations. This will be on an individualised basis and will be carefully monitored throughout the year. If there are 3 occasions where the children have still not completed their homework, after adaptations, then you will be invited to talk to the Class Teacher to discuss this further, and the adaptations may be ceased.