

# St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of your child's homework routine for the coming term. Homework plays an important role in consolidating key knowledge and skills that your child has learned in class and in developing your child's independence.

In order for homework to have the maximum impact upon your child's attainment and progress, we recommend implementing a routine at home for when homework is completed and supporting your child with implementing this routine consistently.

In order to support you with this, please see the weekly timetable for your child's homework included below:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Homework</b>
<b>Monday</b>	All homework is due to be handed in to your child's class teacher.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Your child will receive a list of spellings, which they should practise writing each night of the week on their spelling sheet. Your child will be tested on these spellings on a Monday and you will receive their score and incorrect spellings in their reading record each week – please look out for this.
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework: Your child will receive a maths activity or game to play at home. Tasks will be practical and fun where possible and will help consolidate previous learning and support the development of key skills.  Mathletics activities may also be set for maths homework.  In addition, your child will receive a phonics or handwriting activity to support them in developing their skills in these areas.  Occasionally, your child will receive a piece of homework that consolidates their learning across the curriculum e.g. RE, History etc...
<b>Friday</b>	Every Friday your child has the opportunity to ask their teacher any questions about any aspects of their homework that they are unsure of.

A clear explanation will accompany all homework when it is set. All homework will be completed in your child's homework book, with the exception of spelling sheets.

### **Reading**

In addition to the homework listed above it is essential that your child reads for a minimum of 20 minutes each day in order to support the development of their key reading skills. We recommend that you listen to your child read aloud, ask them questions to check their understanding and encourage them to discuss their opinions upon the texts that they are reading.