

St Christophers Academy Homework Policy

It is our aim that homework is achievable, appropriate to the pupil's level of ability and, above all, an enjoyable, shared experience.

Homework, for all year groups will be set on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**. Along with the homework outlined below, teachers will set projects across the year.

Homework in Reception will consist of the following:

- Pre reader sounds and words matched to the phonics phase will be sent home weekly. This will progress into reading books that match the child's current phonic phase
- A library book to read for pleasure can be changed weekly
- Half-termly 'Homework Bingo.' These homework tasks will cover all areas of the EYFS curriculum and aim to help parents to support their child with learning at home.

Homework Year 1 will consist of the following:

- A new phonics book matched to the child's phonics phase each week
- A reading for pleasure book
- Workbook homework set every Friday and due back the following Wednesday. This will consist of a maths or English activity.

Optional Homework:

- Half-termly 'Homework Bingo' will be set at the end of each half-term. This will consist of a range of subject areas, including English and maths
- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.

Homework for Year 2 will consist of the following:

- A reading book matched to the child's current phonics phase
- Set spellings and spelling rules / patterns. These can be practised in your child's spelling record. Spelling tests take place every Friday
- Maths and English homework will be set in the 'Year 2 Maths and English Targeted Study and Practice' homework books

Optional Homework:

- Half-termly 'Homework Bingo' will be set in a homework book and given out at the end of each half-term. This will consist of a range of subject area, including English and maths
- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.

Homework for Year 3 will consist of the following:

- Daily reading which can be recorded in the child's reading record
- Learning of set spellings and the learning of spelling rules and patterns. These can be practised in the child's spelling record
- Maths and English homework will be set in the 'Year 3 Maths and English Targeted Study and Practice' homework books, or through the following online platforms:
 - MyMaths platform
 - www.spag.com

Optional Homework:

- All pupils have access to TT Rockstars which they can use to support them in learning their times tables
- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.
- Occasionally, homework may be set linking to a topic in one of the foundation subjects, for example, to conduct research about Queen Victoria or create a model of an Egyptian pyramid. Teachers will provide the children with instructions on how to complete these tasks.

Homework for Year 4 will consist of the following:

- Daily reading which can be recorded in the child's reading record
- Learning of set spellings and the learning of spelling rules and patterns. These can be practised in the child's spelling record
- Maths and English homework will be set in the 'Year 4 Maths and English Targeted Study and Practice' homework books, or from worksheets

Optional Homework:

- All pupils have access to TT Rockstars which they can use to support them in learning their times tables
- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.

Homework for Year 5 will consist of the following:

- Daily reading which can be recorded in the child's reading record
- Learning of set spellings and the learning of spelling rules and patterns. These can be practised in the child's spelling record
- Weekly TT Rockstars practice
- Maths and English homework will be set in the 'Year 5 Maths and English Targeted Study and Practice' homework books, given out on sheets in a homework pack or book, or through the following online platforms:
 - MyMaths platform

- www.spag.com

Optional Homework:

- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.

Homework for Year 6 will consist of the following:

- Daily reading which can be recorded in the child's reading record
- Learning of set spellings and the learning of spelling rules and patterns. These can be practised in the child's spelling record. Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested in the form of a spelling test or dictation every Friday
- Maths and English homework will be set in the 'Year 6 Maths and English Targeted Study and Practice' homework books, from worksheets or through the following online platforms:
 - MyMaths platform
 - www.spag.com

Optional Homework:

- All pupils have access to Purple Mash which they can explore freely at home. There are a range of games and activities on this online platform for many different subjects.

Role of the Teacher

Teachers explain the homework in full and provide examples and guidance on how to complete it.

Children may need to be encouraged to talk about the learning and the lessons at school to activate their knowledge and memory. Alternatively the objective or task may precede the learning in order to provide a basis or starting point. Either way, the task will be fully explained and the children will be encouraged to listen to the instructions.

Expectations

We know that children at St Christopher's Academy are very busy and we know that the commitment and effort can vary depending on what is going on in their busy lives. However, children are encouraged to put as much effort as they can into their homework, to be creative and take pride in their presentation.