

HOMEWORK POLICY November 2024

School Motto:

Respect, Achievement, Fun.

Mission Statement:

"Shine like stars." Philippians 2:15

At St Andrew's we want our children to have the brightest futures, each one nurtured individually to be a shining light with their own unique twinkle. We encourage our children to have high aspirations and to always try their best, knowing that they are at the centre of everything we do. We teach one another to have respect, to achieve and to have fun. We help our children to understand that with trust, compassion, friendship and forgiveness they can shine. Our vision draws inspiration from Philippians 2:15-16 (NCV) 'Then you will shine like stars in the dark world.' This vision is based on all members of the school community showing God's light to others through our character, our conduct, our actions and our words.

<u>Purpose</u>

We use homework to develop the partnership between home and school with the aim of working together to help all children achieve their full potential and to practise and apply skills.

Aims

- To enable parents to work with the school and take an interest in their child's work
- To encourage children to develop their confidence and motivation to study on their own
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school
- To extend their learning
- To use the resources of the home setting to enhance learning opportunities

Framework

 The class teacher is responsible for setting homework ensuring that demands are manageable



- Homework will be related to the topics being studied by the children at the time it is set
- Homework may reinforce skills covered in Numeracy and Literacy, but parents will not be expected to teach new skills
- Guidelines will be communicated to children and parents so that all concerned are clear about the requirements of the task
- Homework provided will cater for differing levels of ability within a class and pupils with Special Educational needs
- All homework will be marked and feedback will be given after completion
- The school will monitor the effectiveness and quality of the homework
- Pupils producing homework consistently will be rewarded with Dojos
- Pupils needing support can complete homework in school with their teacher
- Pupils who do not complete their homework by the due date will complete it in school

Details

Foundation Stage -

Phonics sheets and reading books are sent home once a week, in line with the Little Wandle policy. Occasionally Topic related activities will be sent home.

Year 1-

Reading books are sent home once a week, in line with the Little Wandle policy. Phonics and spelling sheets are sent once a week.

Year 2-

Reading books are sent home once a week in line with the Little Wandle policy. Spellings will be set weekly and from spring term Timetables will also be sent home weekly.

Year 3-

English and Maths homework is sent home weekly. This is based on work that has been done throughout the week in class.

Year 4-

Homework is either English or Maths depending on what needs arise from the weeks work. Occasionally topic homework will be set.

Year 4A

Maths and English is given alternate weeks and TT rock stars is set each week.

Year 5

A Maths and English task will be sent hoe weekly. This usually recaps over work that has been taught in school or it will be something that is being taught



the following week. Spellings and TT rock stars games are also set and are accessible over the weekend. Occasionally, afternoon tasks get sent home.

Year 5A

English and Maths will be set each week, this is based on something the children have already learnt or something that will be taught the following week. Topic homework will be sent home at the beginning of each half term.

Year 6 and 6A-

The children are given Maths and English or Guided Reading homework each week.

Preparation for SAT's

Closer to SATs, revision guides will be sent home as homework and are expected to be completed and returned in the same way as regular homework. SAT's booster sessions will be provided. Details of this will be provided nearer the time.

Key Stage 2

Children are encouraged to take a reading for pleasure book home. This can be changed as and when the children bring it back. We also use Reading Plus to practice reading, TT Rockstars to practice multiplication and Ed Shed to practice spellings.

The day homework is handed in is dependent on the teacher.

Homework club will offered in each class to allow children to complete their homework in school. The day homework club will be offered will depend on the class teacher. If homework is not completed by the handing in day, children will be expected to complete in a break or dinner time.

Children will be awarded for their homework with the following:

Return on: Monday= £3, Tuesday= £2, Wednesday= £1, Thursday= -1 Dojo, Friday= -£2