



## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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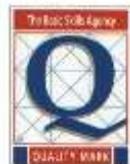
Dear Parent/Carer  
Re: Home Learning

There is often much debate around whether children should receive homework at primary school and around the type of homework given. Recent research, by a professor of education, identifies that homework in primary school has an effect-size of around zero on achievement 'which is why we need to get it right, not why we need to get rid of it...' The professor is referring to the weekly homework tasks which schools have been giving children for years. Considering this, we have reviewed our homework policy and have made some significant changes to ensure that we, at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, are providing home learning that will not only engage and inspire our children but will provide a positive impact on achievement.

We will no longer be using the term 'homework' as this infers a chore-like task. We will now be using the term 'home learning' which promotes the new journey of learning at home. We feel we have got the balance right between the core learning of reading, English and mathematics with promoting subjects which the children love such as science, art and RE.

At the start of each term your child will be presented with two 'Home Learning' menus. One for you to display somewhere prominently in your home and the other which will be placed inside a brand new 'Home Learning Journal' in which they are to complete their activities. The home learning menu will have a range of activities for you and your child to select from. Children will need to complete all the core tasks and then at least three other activities which will, in the main, be linked to your child's class topic. The aim is for this book is to become a celebration of your child's home learning journey which we hope will be evidenced by photographs, examples of artwork, labelled diagrams, quality writing etc...

Your child will have a term to complete their activities. There will be a 'check-up' date (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October), as identified on the menu, to ensure they have made a healthy start to their home learning. On the 'hand-in' date (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December), all children, who have completed their home learning, will be invited to bring their journals and any other evidence into school. These will initially be shared and celebrated in class on this day. Class teachers will then carefully select a sample of home learning which will be displayed in the hall as part of our showcase



afternoon- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Parents and governors will be invited to join us for our showcase afternoon.

Each class teacher will also select 2/3 children, who have shown a commitment to home learning, to be awarded with a special certificate in assembly.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating the wonderful learning your children will produce at home this term. We hope you feel inspired to support them with their home learning journey.

**Mr S Booth**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

