

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



HOME LEARNING

September 2023

At St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, we believe that learning at home is an essential part of an effective education. Not only does it consolidate crucial skills taught in class each day, it provides an opportunity for children and parents to work collaboratively on projects that stimulate and inspire children's thinking and learning opportunities. Effective home learning gives the children the opportunity to become confident and independent in their own learning, which is an important value through their time in school and adult life.

Aims

- To develop an effective partnership between school, parents and carers which encourages pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- To develop, consolidate and reinforce knowledge, skills and understanding of core subjects to strengthen basic skill progression throughout school.
- To develop the fluency and understanding of reading and to promote reading for pleasure.
- To enrich and stimulate creative learning through topic-based activities and themed learning tasks.
- To ensure a consistent approach throughout school.
- To use home learning as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment and enjoyment of learning.

The role of the class teacher

- EYFS and KS1 to provide half termly home learning menus which are linked to topics.
- KS2 to provide weekly tasks for grammar, spelling, handwriting and maths.
- To ensure that there is an adequate balance of tasks which provide regular opportunities to either pre-teach, develop, consolidate or reinforce basic skills in core subjects.
- To ensure reading is frequent and embedded throughout all home learning.
- To ensure that home learning tasks are appropriate, meaningful, stimulating and varied taking equal opportunities into account.
- To provide support and guidance for pupils who need it.

The role of Parents and Carers

- To support their child and the school by ensuring children complete their home learning.
- To support, encourage and praise their children when completing their home learning, creating a positive learning environment.

- To be actively involved in their children's home learning activities whilst encouraging independence and decision making from their children.
- To provide dedicated, uninterrupted time to allow children to complete their home learning tasks.

The role of the pupil

- To complete as many tasks as possible.
- To present all tasks to a high standard and take pride in their work.
- To seek guidance and support when needed.
- To challenge themselves by choosing appropriate tasks that stimulate and challenge their learning experiences.
- To have completed tasks in their Home Learning journal for the deadline date.

Home Learning Content

In KS1 and EYFS, home learning will consist of a half-termly learning menu linked to curriculum topic within class. The menu will include core tasks (mathematics, reading and writing) and a selection of cross-curricular tasks or experience activities which your child can select from. In EYFS, the tasks will be tailored to suit the EYFS curriculum.

In KS2, children will be sent weekly Maths and English tasks.

Organisation of Home Learning

EYFS teachers will put the home learning tasks in the home learning journal. KS1 teachers will send a paper menu home, as well as posting on Seesaw. KS2 teachers will provide home learning sheets. Teachers will discuss individual systems for home learning, required expectations and key dates with their own class as these will differ depending on age group and year expectations.

Failure to complete

There will not be a consequence given to children who do not complete home-learning before the hand-in date. We are aware that each child will receive a different amount of support and guidance at home from parents/ carers and therefore we do not feel children should be punished as it may well be due to this that they haven't completed their tasks. Instead, parents will be informed of this and a discussion will be had around support that we can provide.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The efficiency and effectiveness of the home learning policy will be monitored and evaluated by checking samples of work completed as home learning activities on a half-termly basis and in consultation with class teachers, children and parents.

Date to be reviewed: September 2024