St Joseph the Worker
Catholic Primary School

Homework
Policy

Mission Statement

With Jesus
We learn,
We care,
We listen
We share
so that He might be seen in the people that we are and the things that we do.

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At St Joseph the Worker, we place our children at the centre of our school and seek to develop the whole child – spiritually, morally, culturally and academically so they are well prepared to meet future challenges.

Rationale

As a Catholic primary school, we believe parents are the first educators of their children. We also believe that a strong home, school, parish partnership is fundamental to the development of children. Pupils whose parents are involved with their education make better progress throughout their school life. Home learning encourages parents to work with their children as well as in partnership with the school.

Homework partnerships with teachers, parents, and pupils should provide the children with opportunities for increased high-quality learning beyond the limits of the school day. Homework should help the children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful, independent lifelong learning.

The Purpose of Homework

- To give children opportunities to consolidate and reinforce knowledge, skills and understanding.
- To develop a partnership with parents and involve them actively in their child's learning and progression.
- To promote learning and enquiry
- To encourage older pupils to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own.

Procedures

- There is consistent practice across the school in setting, managing and marking homework.
- There is a regular programme so that teachers, children and parents know what to expect each week.
- Homework is directly related to work that the children have been doing in school.
- Pupils and parents are clear about what they have to do. Guidelines for assisting children with their homework are made known to parents by each teacher.
- Teachers have agreed an amount of time to be devoted to homework in each Year group.
- There are high expectations of pupils in completing homework and submitting it to their class teacher by the agreed deadline.
- Wherever possible homework should be uploaded on the appropriate class page on the school website and be suitable for children to complete and record in their homework books.

- Each half term, teacher will set a grid of the homework tasks for that half term. Children will be given the choice of which task they wish to complete each week with the expectation that they complete all tasks by the end of the half term. This gives children ownership over their learning and teaches responsibility.
- It is expected that all children read at home daily.
- It is expected that children practise spelling words set by the class teacher at home.
- It is expected that children complete TimesTable Rockstar or Numbots challenges at least three times a week.
- Year 6 children will complete challenges on SATs Boot Camp weekly.

Appendix A: Example of a homework grid

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Homework grid - Spring 1

Choose one item from the activities to complete every other week. Please ensure that at least three activities have been completed over the half term.

Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
Art Project It would be fantastic if you could choose this one... 😊 In English, we have begun our new class book 'The Man on the Moon. It would be great if the children could become creative and Paper Mache a planet of their choice to add to our upcoming Man on the Moon display! Here is a link with some ideas: Papier Mache Planets : 7 Steps (with Pictures) - Instructables	**History** Our history topic is about first flights and Neil Armstrong and the race to space. Can you create a fact file on either of the following explaining why they are significant people? • Bessie Coleman • Amelia Earhart Template below, if you wish to use it.	**Science:** Our topic is 'Everyday materials.' Carry out an experiment with items in your house which might float or sink. Choose up to 10 items. Make a prediction, will it float or sink? Test your prediction. Template below, if you wish to use it.
Activity 4	**Activity 5**	**Activity 6**
RE: Our theme for this term is 'Parables and miracles.' Write a prayer you could use for yourself or someone else who is sick. You could decorate this afterwards.	**Maths:** Complete as many of the extra maths activities on the weekly homework as you can.	**PE: Dance** Choose an activity from below for each day and complete the exercise log.
Reading	**Spelling**	**Timetable Rock Stars**
Your children will bring home two books per week, a reading practice book and a sharing book. Please ensure your child reads the practice book to you. The sharing book is a book picked by your children to enjoy for pleasure. Bookbags need to be brought to school every day. Parents, please sign your child's reading diary daily to identify that they have read.	Please access spelling shed for weekly spelling practise linked to the sounds the children have been learning in their phonics lessons.	Please ensure that children are accessing Numbots. Practising little and often is effective. Try for 10 minutes per day!

Homework to be handed in on the following dates: 15th January 29th January and 12th January