**Our Lady of the Missions**

**Primary School**



**Primary One**

**Homework**

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**Phonics Homework**

Pupils have a phonics homework book, which they will bring home **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday.** To help your child’s learning, please focus on the sound rather than the letter name (e.g. ‘a’ for “apple” rather than “ape”).

In school, your child will learn a new sound each day (**Monday** to **Thursday).** They will learn a song (Jolly Jingle) and an action to accompany each sound. It will help your child if you encourage him/her to perform the action and attempt to recall the song during homework time.

The nature of the task varies each day, giving you a variety of activities to work on with your child.

**Monday -** Draw a picture of something beginning with the sound.

**Tuesday -** Your child should cut out something from a magazine, catalogue or printed from a website and stick it under the sound for that day.

**Wednesday -** Challenge your child to look for something at home beginning with the sound and bring it to school on Thursday for “show and tell”.

**Challenge Thursday -** Ask your child to perform the songs and

actions learned that week. Play “I Spy” with your child based on sounds learned that week.

**N.B. There is NO homework on Friday.**

**\*Please provide your child with a small box or tin for words.\***

The Reading Scheme is called Storyworlds and the first books are introduced within the first month of Primary 1.

Your child will be introduced to words gradually. As they grow in confidence more will be added. There are many activities you can engage your child in. Here are a few examples:

 **Word Recognition**

 **Finding Words**

 **Making Sentences and Stories**

When your child can confidently read a full stage of words, a matching game will also be sent home. This should be kept at home to revise taught vocabulary. Visits to the library and looking at a variety of texts is extremely valuable to your child’s language development and encourages reading for pleasure. We will also be introducing our Lending Library in the coming weeks which is run by Primary 7 pupils. Your child will be able to borrow a new book each week.

**Maths & Numeracy**

Maths and Numeracy homework will be issued later during Term 1 and further guidance will be provided at that time.

**Tips for Parents**

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 **Find a quiet place with no distractions**

 **Keep a pot or box to hand with a pencil, crayons, rubber etc.**

 **Use positive praise**

 **Try to do homework before your child is too tired**

