



St. Mark's Primary



Homework Guide for Parents



Why do we set homework?

- to reinforce learning and practise skills that have been taught in school
- to improve attainment and establish good study habits
- to keep parents informed of their child's progress and provide a talking point for you to discuss your child's learning with them
- to develop learner's confidence in applying their knowledge to tasks
- to develop organisational skills and responsibility for managing homework tasks around other commitments, for example sports clubs

What homework tasks will my child be given?

- Spelling: written task to practise words taught in class
- Grammar or comprehension task to reinforce skills learned in class
- Numeracy and Mathematics: calculations to improve mental agility and practise concepts taught in class
- Word of the Week: a fun spoken task designed to develop vocabulary
- Reading: pupils will be encouraged to read for pleasure. This can be with an adult or independently



Points to note:

- Homework will be given out on Monday and should be returned to school by Friday
- All children will be issued with a folder containing a homework jotter and any relevant booklets. This should be brought to school every day
- We make use of digital resources, such as Google Classroom, Seesaw and Literacy Planet, for homework. These activities can be completed on any desktop, laptop or mobile device. If you have difficulty accessing online homework, please contact the school for support
- Homework should take approximately 15 minutes per night for younger children building gradually to 30-35 minutes in the upper stages
- Pupils in P2 to P7 should be able to complete most tasks with minimal adult support. If your child is struggling with a particular task, please encourage them to speak with their teacher
- You can support your child by creating a homework-friendly zone. A calm, well-lit area away from the TV will ensure that your child can focus on the tasks set
- We are always keen to support our families. If you have any concerns regarding homework, please contact the school