Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School

Home Learning Policy

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The Aims of this Policy

The main aims are to ensure that:

- There is a consistent approach to homework across the school
- Teachers, parents/carers and children are fully aware of the role they play with regard to homework
- There is practical guidance for both teachers, parents and carers

The Purpose of Homework

- To support and extend learning at home
- To provide opportunities for parents, carers and children to work together
- To allow parents and carers to gain a better understanding of their child's learning
- To allow children to progress towards becoming independent learners and prepare them for the requirements of secondary school
- To provide opportunities for parents, carers and children to enjoy learning experiences

The Role of the School

- To provide parents and carers with a clear policy regarding homework
- To provide information, support and guidance for parents and carers
- To plan and set a programme of homework that is appropriate for the needs of the children
- To monitor homework and provide feedback.
- To inform parents and carers if there is a problem regarding homework
- To encourage parents and carers to take an active interest in homework rather than just insisting that it is done

The Role of the Parent/Carer

- To provide a suitable environment for learning at home
- To support your child in accessing and completing homework tasks
- To ensure that your child completes tasks to a high standard in the given time allocated.
- To sign/date/comment in Reading Records on a regular basis providing feedback to school
- To liaise with school and report any concerns or issues with homework

The Role of the Child

- To make sure that they understand the tasks that have been set
- To complete homework within the given time allocated
- To apply the same level of effort as would be expected in school and to take a pride in work completed.

Guidelines

Homework will focus on basic English and Mathematic skills across school. As a parent, reading with your child is the most valuable support that you can offer. As children progress through school the homework they are given may gradually increase in its demands or be differentiated where appropriate to take account of individual needs.

Homework will not be set during school holidays.

Weekly Home Learning

Homework is sent home every Friday in a plastic homework folder and returned by Wednesday.

Each week children will receive:

Mathematics

- Children complete a paper-based maths activity each week.
- Reception and KS1 pupils should also use NumBots
- KS2 pupils should practice multiplication facts using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Spelling

Children receive a weekly spelling sheet linked to the spelling pattern currently being taught in class. Teachers assess spelling through children's independent writing rather than relying solely on weekly spelling tests.

SPaG and Reading Comprehension

Where appropriate, teachers may include an additional SPaG or reading comprehension task to reinforce current classroom learning.

Reading

Reading is the most important home learning activity. Parents and carers are encouraged to read with their child every day.

Suggested reading times:
Reception – 10 minutes daily
Key Stage 1 – 10–15 minutes daily
Key Stage 2 – 20 minutes daily

Reading Records should be brought into school daily and signed regularly.

Feedback

Parents and carers are encouraged to mark homework with their child using the answers provided where appropriate. Immediate feedback helps children address misconceptions promptly. Teachers acknowledge completed homework with a stamp or sticker and monitor completion to inform future teaching.