

HOME LEARNING POLICY

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School



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Home Learning is a compulsory part of all children's learning and will be completed by all children on a daily or weekly basis, ideally within the book provided but if this is not possible for any reason, on neatly trimmed paper or a memory stick is acceptable.

1. We give Home Learning because we believe it:
 - supports, enhances and develops children's learning
 - reinforces and extends learning completed in class
 - encourages parental involvement and home-school links
 - encourages independent learning and personal organisation
 - enables practice and further development of skills and knowledge
 - prepares children for the vigour of Home Learning set in High School
 - supports the delivery of the National Curriculum..

2. Home Learning will consist of a selection of the following:
 - literacy and numeracy development e.g. reading, learning spellings, tables,
 - finishing off class learning activities
 - research/development of general knowledge e.g. in libraries, on the internet
 - bringing into school anything suitable relating to the learning being covered.

3. For each piece of Home Learning set the teacher will ensure:
 - resources are provided where needed
 - activity sheets are a high standard
 - the amount of Home Learning and the time given to complete it is reasonable
 - it takes into account your child's abilities
 - your child understands what to do
 - the learning completed is acknowledged and marked
 - a record is kept of Home Learning set and Home Learning completed.

4. Parents – you can help by:
 - talking with your child, this is the greatest help you can give; try not to confuse your child; remember that in some areas, such as mathematics, children may be taught a different way of doing things compared with when you were at school
 - discussing your child's learning with them to show you are interested
 - asking your child regularly if they have any Home Learning
 - encouraging your child to find a quiet place and time to learn away from any distractions such as a television
 - making sure your child does their learning on time
 - assisting with the learning, but please don't do it for them
 - ensuring your child takes care and pride with their learning so that the learning is of a high standard
 - encouraging your child to proof read their learning e.g. to make sure it makes sense
 - ensuring your child becomes responsible for returning their learning to school at the right time
 - informing the class teacher of any problems or questions.
 - adding relevant comments in the Home Learning book if necessary

Although we appreciate the value of computers, we acknowledge that not all pupils will have access to computers to support learning at home. When setting Home Learning tasks the class teacher will:

- a. tell the children if a computer can be used
- b. will provide appropriate guidance on how a computer is to be used.

What Home Learning will your child be doing? Actual learning will vary – the amount and difficulty will increase as your child goes through the school. Here are some guidelines:

Year Group	Activity	When
Nursery	We recommend that you read with your child every evening	Daily
Reception	Reading with your child	Daily
	Letters and sounds Number recognition and counting	Weekly
Year 1 and Year 2	Reading Letters and sounds / Spellings Times table practice	Daily
	Maths activity Literacy activity RE – one piece each new topic Topic - one piece each new topic (year 2)	Weekly - Given out on Friday and completed for the following Wednesday, unless otherwise specified.
Year 3 and Year 4	Reading Spellings Times table practice	Daily
	Maths activity Literacy activity RE – one piece each new topic Topic - one piece each new topic In year 3 children also have their Holy Communion preparation home learning	Weekly - Given out on Friday and completed for the following Wednesday, unless otherwise specified.
Year 5 and Year 6	Reading Spellings Times table practice	Daily
	Maths activity Literacy activity RE – one piece each new topic Topic- at least once in each new topic SATs preparation in the Spring Term for year 6 pupils	Weekly - Given out on Friday and completed for the following Wednesday, unless otherwise specified.

Additional home learning may be given out in relation to a class topic. A whole school homework project may also be given during the year, in addition to or instead of the above.

Incomplete home learning will result in the loss of Golden time. We do not want anyone to get stressed about home learning. If you are struggling to engage your child in completing the tasks please come in and see us so that we can help.

Helping your child with home learning

We are happy for you to support and help your child with their home learning. However, we also want to see what your child can do on their own. As they get older, it is particularly important for your child to become more independent in their learning so please encourage them to do it on their own with your guidance only when necessary. If you are unsure of how to help please arrange to see your child's class teacher.

Feedback on your child's home learning

Staff will give feedback on home learning. It will be given in a way that lets your child know how well they have done and how they could do better. This will be through written comments, stickers and stamps or discussion in class.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at any time.