

Your child will be provided with an A4 pocket in which to put their homework. Once it has been marked/discussed it will be returned to the folder for your child to take home (unless the work supports topic work, in which case it may be stuck in to their topic book or used for display).

Top Tips For Good Homework Habits!

- ◆ Find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment eg pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, glue etc
- ◆ Be aware of modern teaching methods, eg in long division – please refer to our school booklet
- ◆ Plan a homework timetable and agree on when your child will do their homework
- ◆ Allow your child to have something nutritional to eat before starting on homework
- ◆ Discuss any homework tasks with your child and how it connects with what they are studying at school
- ◆ Turn off the TV - but you could have music on if they find it helpful
- ◆ Don't give answers in order to get a task finished. Instead, help your child understand what to do. Make a note on the homework or in their diary for the teacher

St Faith's Marking code:

- T** Marked together with the teacher
 - AP** Achievement point awarded
 - N** Next step for learning
 - S** Support given
 - SS** Significant support given
- } Please use these to annotate your child's work if you have given them help

Other activities that would be beneficial to do with your child include:

- ◆ **Playing games such as Rummikub, Yahtzee, Scrabble and Cards**
- ◆ **Completing jigsaw puzzles**
- ◆ **Building things from kits or from imagination**
- ◆ **Painting and craft activities**
- ◆ **Junior crosswords, Sudokus etc**
- ◆ **Console/internet brain training games—but not for too long at any one time**
- ◆ **Physical exercise!**

'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere'

Chinese Proverb

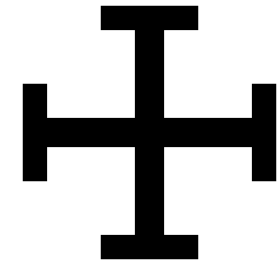


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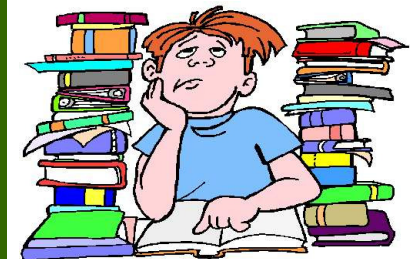
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Helping at Home



KS 2

How can I help my child at home?

Make time to talk – verbal communication skills are important for reading and writing too!

- ◆ Talk about their learning or just about the world around them, for example: news items
- ◆ Eat together as often as possible and chat
- ◆ Ask your child to explain or describe things
- ◆ Ask your child to justify opinions about their views
- ◆ Make the most of opportunities when your child asks questions or shows an interest in something

Read with your child — no age limit!

'Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day.' A source used by the BBC.

- ◆ Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- ◆ Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a particular sport
- ◆ Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different room around your house
- ◆ Visit the library as often as possible - take out CDs and DVDs as well as books.

Spellings – Provided weekly

- ◆ Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check sheets—it is important to follow instructions given on the sheets and to initial each day's practise
- ◆ A variety of different exercises will be provided
- ◆ It is important that the practise is daily for short periods at a time

English – Provided weekly

Pupils should use the same equipment for writing as they do at school (ie ink pen or pencil, NOT biro or felt tip pen).

Standards of presentation should also be in line with what is expected at school.

Maths – Provided weekly

When supporting your child with homework:

- ◆ Be aware of modern teaching methods, eg with division – please refer to our school booklet
 - ◆ Avoid the temptation to give your child the answers!
- In addition to supporting your child with homework, you could:
- ◆ Point out the different shapes to be found around your home
 - ◆ Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy
 - ◆ Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost
 - ◆ Ask them to tell the time (analogue and digital – 24hr) and work out time intervals etc

Please avoid teaching your child methods you used at school - it could confuse them. If you are concerned about your child's understanding of the methods they have been taught then please speak to their teacher or make a note in their homework diary.

Practical tasks are often very valuable – HW will not always require a written outcome.

Our Expectations for Homework

Y3 + 4

Mathematics and English, weekly – 30mins per subject

Reading, daily – 15mins

Daily spelling/tables

Y5 + 6

Mathematics and English, weekly – 40mins per subject

Reading, daily – 15mins

Daily spelling/tables

Spellings are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday when your child will be tested on them.

Mathematics and English homework is set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.

(NB Occasionally this is subject to change—check your child's homework diary if you are not sure).

Major projects will not be set for the school holidays. However, homework projects may be set a couple of weeks before holidays. You may wish you child to complete it before the holiday or use some of the holiday time to complete it.

What happens if my child has not done their homework?

Firstly, it would depend on the reason why. An extension may be given or your child may be asked to complete it during their break time.

If it became a regular problem then the class teacher would arrange to discuss any issues regarding homework with you.

A homework club for KS2 pupils will be available one lunchtime a week for those who might need some help or have had a busy week at home with extra activities and not had time to complete it.