

Homework Policy

Introduction

The term 'homework' is taken to include any work or activities that reinforce learning, which pupils are asked to do out of school hours either on their own or with parents or carers.

Rationale

In order that our pupils can attain the highest standard, we recognise the crucial importance of an active educational partnership between home and school. Homework is just one of the ways in which we seek to foster this partnership. We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development and while homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many of our children.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of homework are:

- To enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development;
- To develop good work habits and self discipline for the future;
- To encourage skills and attitudes which help children improve their educational performance;
- To help parents gain insight into their child's schoolwork and promote partnership between home and school
- To help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner.

To consolidate and reinforce learning done in school and to allow children to practice skills taught in lessons;

To provide a context for pupil/parent interaction.

What the school will offer

When teachers set homework they will ensure that:

It is clearly related to current areas of study within the classroom;

The task is made clear to the children;

Time scales for completion and submission are explicit;

Work is marked as promptly as possible (where applicable);

Problems or difficulties encountered by children are dealt with swiftly;

Regular completion of homework of a high standard is recognised and celebrated;

All children will be expected to complete tasks. They will be given an opportunity to succeed in this through using a homework session in school leisure time if they continually fail to complete it.

Types and amounts of homework

We increase the amount of homework that we give children as they move through the school.

The **Government recommendations**, which we adopt, are as follows:

Reception: 30 minutes per week (e.g. reading)

Years 1 & 2: 1 hour a week (e.g. Reading, spellings, number work).

Years 3 & 4: 1½ hours a week (e.g. Reading, spellings, number work and occasional topic work for other subjects);

Years 5 & 6: Approx 30 minutes a day (or equivalent to this). (e.g. Reading, spellings, English, Maths and occasional topic work for other subjects)

Pupils with SEN: We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the individual.

Homework Timetable

Foundation/KS1 Homework is sent out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Spellings are also sent out on a Friday to be tested the

following Friday. Reception will start spellings from January.

All KS2 classes send spellings out on a Monday that relate to a pattern or rule. This pattern is practised daily in class and there is a test on

Friday.

Year 3/4 Homework is sent out on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday.

Year 5/6 English and Maths Homework is sent out on a Tuesday to be returned by the following Monday.

All children are expected to read at home daily.

Classes may include a Topic ideas related homework during the term.

The Role of Parents

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education, and homework is an important part of this process. We ask parents to encourage their child to complete the homework tasks that are set. We invite them to help their children as they feel necessary and provide them with the sort of environment that allows children to do their best. Parents can support their child by providing a good working space at home, by enabling their child to visit the library regularly and by discussing the work that their child is doing. If parents have any problems or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

What to do if your child(ren) cannot complete their homework...

If there are circumstances (such as family bereavement, major social event etc) where your child has been unable to complete their homework, please contact the class teacher. This can be done either in person, by phone, or in writing.

If your child has struggled with the task set, again please contact the class teacher.



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without effort.”

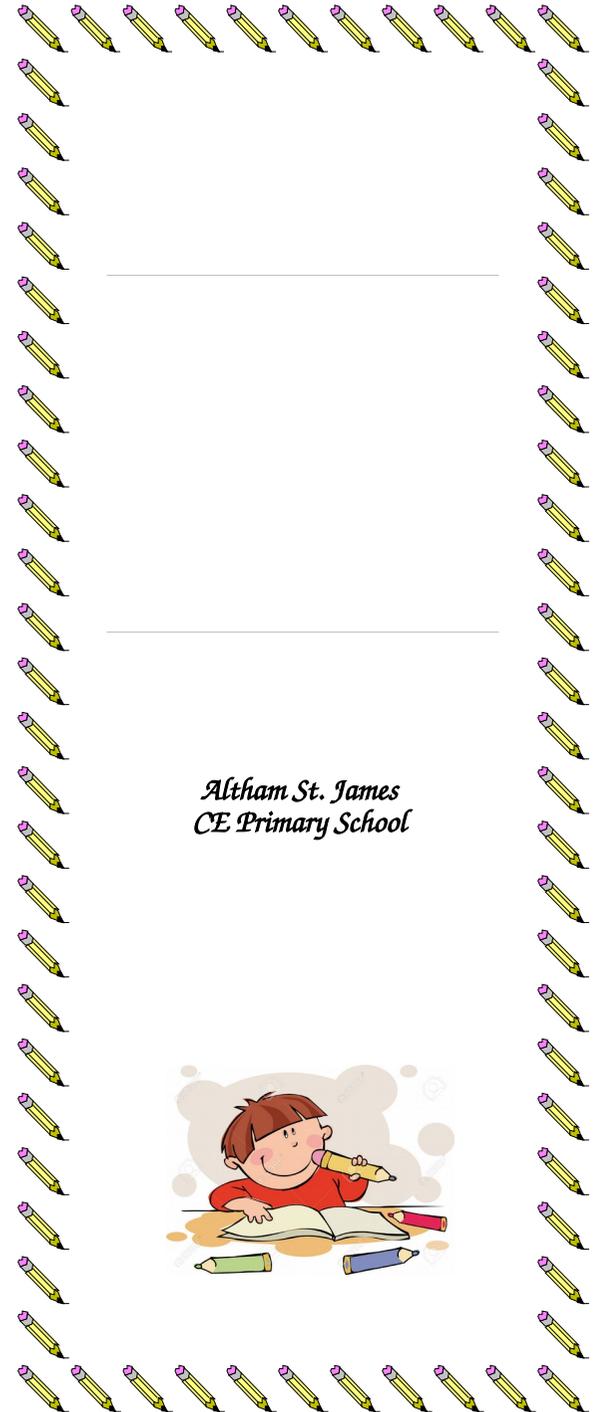
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