



HOMEWORK POLICY

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Approval Committee: School Staff

St Augustine's School sees homework as serving the following purposes:

1. To encourage self-discipline and personal organisation.
 2. To create additional time for structured learning.
 3. To bridge the gap between home and school.
 4. To allow parents direct involvement in their child's learning.
- Tasks set will vary in their nature, and will not necessarily be of a formal pencil and paper style.
 - Tasks will include amongst others: reading, learning of tables, spellings or other materials, completion and/or extension of work begun in class, additional research, collecting information, investigations and online activities.
 - If the school feels that particular circumstances (e.g. medical absence from school) warrant additional homework this should be discussed with the class teacher.
 - Additional homework will not be set simply because a child is being taken out of school for a family holiday.
 - Homework tasks are not optional and form part of our home school agreement.
 - The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of the child, and according to the programme of work at the time.

Homework guidelines:

- Reception: Daily reading, key words, sounds and a practical maths activity. (30 minutes)
- Year 1: Daily reading. Weekly spellings plus a literacy, maths or topic activity. (40 minutes)
- Year 2: Daily reading. Weekly spellings and literacy or maths task. (50 minutes)
- Year 3: Daily reading. Weekly spellings, times tables, literacy and maths tasks. When appropriate, humanities or science work. (60 minutes)
- Year 4: Daily reading. Weekly spellings, times tables, literacy, maths and when appropriate topic/project work. (80 minutes)
- Year 5: Daily reading. Weekly spellings, times tables (if necessary), literacy, maths and when appropriate topic/project work (100 minutes)
- Year 6: Daily reading. Weekly spellings, times tables (if necessary), literacy, maths and topic work. (120 minutes) - supported by homework club