

ST MEWAN C P SCHOOL Policy Co-ordinator – Anna Iliffe

Homework Policy

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At St Mewan School we believe that homework is an important part of the learning process. The homework tasks your child will be set are designed to:

- Support and consolidate the learning that has taken place in lessons
- Involve parents and other family members in the child's learning
- Develop independent study skills from an early age so that children are prepared for the next stage
 of their education

Throughout the school the emphasis is on developing a love of reading and books. From Reception to Year 6, reading books should be taken home daily. We encourage parents to read and discuss literature with their children and believe reading should be a shared experience. We are happy for children to read their library book or other reading material, as well as their school reading book and encourage parents of Key Stage One and Early Years' pupils to read phonic books regularly and note this in their child's reading record. Alongside this requirement, the following homework will be set:

Reception

English - As soon as they start learning them, the sounds that pupils will be covering in Read, Write, Inc sessions will be sent home via email each week with an accompanying video on the virtual classroom so that you can practise these with your child at home. Set 1 Speed Sound books will be sent home to support this learning. As soon as your children begin to bring home RWI reading books, they should read these daily.

Maths - A practical maths booklet will be sent out at the beginning of each term so pupils can practise core skills at home through fun games and hands on activities.

Year 1

Maths - Weekly Number Sense homework will be set linked to that week's Learning. This may take the form of fun games and activities that can be played at home (as suggested by the teacher on Dojo), or a Number Sense worksheet that will be sent home to be completed.

English -

- **Sounds** Virtual Classroom links will be sent home every Friday listing the sounds your child has learnt that week. This will include a video on the virtual classroom so that you can practise these with your child at home.
- **Reading -** As soon as your child starts bringing home RWI reading books, they should read this daily.
- **Spelling** Each week, the spelling words being focussed on in class will also be sent and you may choose to practise these at home as well. These will be revisited but not formally tested.

Year 2

Maths – Weekly Number Sense homework will be set linked to that week's Learning. This may take the form of fun games and activities that can be played at home (as suggested by the teacher on Dojo), or a Number Sense worksheet that will be sent home to be completed.

From the Spring term onwards: Daily times tables practise on TTRS or other times tables websites suggested by the class teacher

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Year 3 - 6.

English - Daily reading of your child's Accelerated Reader book and daily practise of weekly spellings for the spelling test – completed either on paper or on Spelling Shed.

Maths – Daily times tables practise on TTRS or other times tables websites suggested by the class teacher. Weekly online maths homework set using Maths Shed (as directed by the teacher on dojo).

In Y6 there will be some additional SATS preparation materials in the lead up to the national tests in May.

Homework should be reflective of the ability of the individual child. For this reason, it is important that teaching staff ensure there is appropriate differentiation of tasks, in both numeracy and literacy.

The homework will be acknowledged and celebrated e.g through awards/certificates for Times Tables Rock Stars, through challenges (Spelling Bee/Times Tables Rock Stars competitions), dojo points or other reward systems.

Reception, Key Stage 1 - Each set homework should take up to a maximum of 15-20 minutes.

Key Stage 2 - Each set homework should take up to a maximum of 30 minutes.

If there are issues with completion of homework (due to lack of IT at home), parents can contact class teachers via Class Dojo and support can be provided at school so that children have access to technology in school time. This is optional.