



At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' /isaiah 43

Homework Policy 2025-26

Government guidelines on homework give a broad indication of the type of activities and how much time pupils of different ages might reasonably be expected to spend on homework.

For children at primary schools the guidelines are:

Years 1 and 2 - 1 hour per week – approx. 10 minutes a day

Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours per week – approx. 20 minutes a day

Years 5 and 6 – approx. 30 minutes per day

The guidelines emphasise that it is more important that homework helps your child to learn than whether it takes a certain amount of time. The guidelines encourage schools to plan homework carefully alongside the work children do at school, and to make sure that all activities are appropriate for individual children.

How much homework?

Children should not be expected to spend significantly longer on them than the guide times set out above. Activities may not take as long as the guide times: that does not matter at all as long as they are useful. As a school, we organise homework carefully so that children are not expected to do too much on any one day.

What sort of activities should children be doing?

All homework activities should be related to work children are doing at school. However, homework should not always be written work. For very young children it will largely be: reading with parents or carers, informal games to practice mathematical skills, spellings etc. For older children, school, homework may include: preparing a presentation to the class, finding out information, making something, trying out a simple scientific experiment. It will also reflect the creative element of our curriculum.

Should parents help with homework?

Generally, schools are very keen for parents to support and help children with their homework. But there may be times when schools will want to see what your children can do on their own.

Homework activities

Curriculum Area	Reception & Year 1	KS1	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
R.E.	Children will be set ad-hoc tasks linked to the topic studied. This may be sending in a picture, finding things out, learning a prayer etc. Parents will be notified of these via the school app with details of the activity on the class page on the website.			
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Sharing book with parent • Phonics practice • Being read to by adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Sharing book with parent • Being read to by adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading, including reading books for pleasure • Sharing book with parent • Being read to by adult 	
Writing	There will be writing activities included in the homework menu.			A weekly writing task linked to curriculum area
Spelling	Recognising high frequency words	Half termly spellings which will be sent home and can also be found on the school website. The children will be taught the spelling rule in school and then learn examples at home.		
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number practise • Counting rhymes • Playing games 	Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)		Weekly My Maths task
Other subjects based around a theme	There will be a homework menu on each class page which lists a variety of creative activities that children can complete at home which will be linked to the topic. These activities are optional. Parents/carers can send in photos of the objects made or work completed.			

This policy was reviewed in September 2025. It will be reviewed annually.