

St. Bernadette Catholic Junior School

Home Learning Policy

What is Home Learning?

"Any work or activity that pupils are asked to do outside lesson times either on their own or with the support of a parent or carer".

Why is Home Learning set by the school?

- To further develop home school partnerships and to assist in parents taking a positive interest in their child's school work
- To practise and consolidate skills learned in school
- To encourage self-motivated learning and independence
- To prepare and plan for new topics.
- May also be set to complete unfinished class work and to help a child make up for missed work due to absence.

Role of the school

- To ensure appropriate home learning tasks are set regularly and consistently across the school
- To give guidance about tasks to the pupils
- To ensure a purposeful link between home learning and class work
- To take issues of equal opportunity into account
- To mark work and give feedback where appropriate

Weekly Timetable				
Year groups	Subject	Set	Deadline	Time allocation
3	Spellings, number facts, set times tables, talk task, reading, research	Wednesday	Monday	5 nights
4	Spellings, "learn its" number facts, set times tables, talk task, reading, research	Wednesday	Monday	5 nights
5	Spellings, times tables, reading Set maths and English tasks, talk task, research	Wednesday	Monday	5 nights
6	Spellings, times tables, reading Set maths and English tasks incl short comprehension Completion of class work Personal research	Daily	For next day or as directed by teacher	For the next day or as guided by teacher

Role of the Parent

- To provide a suitable place for children to complete tasks.
- To support their children to complete tasks
- To encourage and praise their child's efforts.
- To value the home learning tasks given.

Children will gain the greatest benefit from home learning with the support of their parents, helping them to become increasingly independent as they prepare for secondary school.

Reading-30 minutes each evening. It is important to spend time discussing the book, asking questions about it and making predictions about what might happen next.

Spelling-we encourage the children to use the read-say-cover- write -check method. The child will need to repeat this method several times before the word is fixed in the mind. Several short sessions of learning spellings will be more effective than one long one.

Maths - children should know their number facts and times tables by "instant recall". Once again several short sessions of learning these facts will be more effective than one long one. All year groups learn times tables.

Talk Tasks-This is an opportunity for your child to impress you with their new learning or to gain information from home through verbal communication.

St Bernadette School recognises the value of many extra-curricular activities that children may be involved in. Home Learning should never be too onerous nor should it cause stress within the pupil's family. Please ensure that sufficient time is given to complete tasks to avoid conflicts.

We would expect parents to value home learning and encourage its completion and prompt return.

If there is a problem arising from home learning tasks let the class teacher know through the school office.