

St Dominic's RCPS, Early Learning and Child Care Homework Policy

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We are committed that in partnership with parents/carers, we will actively encourage children to learn through homework activities. The tasks set are designed to support learning and to give practice in basic skills and should be purposeful and meaningful.

We hope that parents/carers will encourage their child(ren) to complete the tasks and help and support when appropriate. Staff are always willing to discuss ways in which parents/carers might help their children.

Examples of homework are:

- Reading / sharing a book with a member of the family
- Reading / for pleasure
- Spellings or tables to learn
- Maths games/activities to reinforce skills
- Research for a Topic

Homework for all classes will be issued with instructions via Microsoft Teams. Any written tasks should then be completed in a jotter and returned to school. Pupils may be asked to complete online activities or occasionally create a digital presentation of independent research (e.g. using PowerPoint).

At points throughout the year, some classes may also be given RE activities (e.g. for Sacramental preparation, Pope Francis Award Scheme in P6 & P7). As a Catholic school, we expect learners to engage fully with the values and practices of the Catholic faith.

Homework will be issued on Mondays, to be completed by no later than Friday. However, some parents requested via the homework survey to have their homework over the weekend. If you wish for this to be the case, please contact your child's teacher for this arrangement to be made.

Classes	Literacy	Numeracy	Other
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with child • Print in environment • Learn nursery rhymes poems • Visit library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot numbers and shapes in home and outdoors. • Playing games • Rhymes 	Gathering photos achievements for nursery folder.
Primary 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading books will be shared with families on Mondays. Key words will accompany reading books. • Phonics homework activity. • From P2 onwards spelling words may be given to practise with activities to complete from a spelling grid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths activity (written, online or practical) 	1 piece of research homework in the school year.
Primary 3-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling – Given out on a Monday to practise and tested on Friday. Activities from a spelling grid will be given. • Reading text issued with instructions for reading at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths activity (written, online or practical) based on previous week's class learning. 	2 pieces of research homework in the school year

If you wish to communicate with the class teacher about how your child found their homework, please make a comment in the homework jotter. We would also ask that for younger children, please make a comment in/sign their reading record.