



# St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Policy: Homework

Review date: February 2025

Next review: July 2026

## Objectives

- To reinforce knowledge, skills and understanding covered in class
- For parents to understand what children are learning in school
- To promote independence skills
- To teach children to be responsible for their own learning
- To prepare children for life

Homework is generally intended to be reinforcement for work studied in class. It gives teachers an additional opportunity to assess each child's understanding. With this in mind, children should complete the task as independently as possible. If a child finds the work too difficult, we ask parents to inform the class teacher.

### 1.1 Homework Expectations

- All teachers will monitor TT Rock Stars, Reading and Spelling homework.
- All children are expected to carry out their homework to a good standard using appropriate tools and following the standards set in school.
- Parents will be kept informed if children have not completed homework on a regular basis.

### Homework Activities

- All children are encouraged to read at home each night. The time spent on this will depend on the age and stage of the children. This should be recorded in their home/school reading diary.
- Teachers/teaching assistants are to do weekly checks of the reading diaries and make comments.
- In Reception and Key Stage 1 children will have spellings words to learn each week from the Ditty stage of Read, Write, Inc.
- From year 1 onwards, children will be given weekly spellings to learn for a weekly test.
- Spelling words are to be used to create sentences. This then helps the pupil to rehearse handwriting, grammar and spellings and improve presentation.

From Y2 onwards, children are encouraged to practise their Times Tables using TT Rock Stars regularly.

### Marking of homework

Homework will be marked in one of the following ways:

- Class marked: where the whole class or group will be involved in reviewing the homework responses
- Peer marked: where the children will share their work with a partner
- Reviewed by the class teacher.

NB: Children will always receive feedback on their work. This may be in the form of verbal or written feedback. If verbal feedback is given, this will be recorded in the book as VF.

## **Holiday homework**

- Homework is not always set during the holidays but on some occasions the children may have a project to complete, with support from home.
- If children are absent because of holidays during term time, teachers will not set homework.
- Children are still encouraged to keep up their reading (and times tables practice) during the holidays.
- In Year 6 there is an expectation that children will do some work in preparation for SATS during the holidays.

## **Home School Agreement**

On entry to our school parents and children will be asked to sign our Home School Agreement which reinforces our homework policy. Parents have an obligation to provide opportunity and a suitable place for homework to be completed. We ask that they check the work once before their child hands it in to the class teacher.

## **Support for Parents**

Teachers are available to answer any questions parents may have regarding their child's learning and homework. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

## **Homework Timetable**

Homework timetables for each class can be found on the school website. These are individual to each class.