



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

We've had a very calm, productive and positive start to the new school year – thank you for all your support in ensuring that your child has made a settled and happy start to the year ahead.

We hope that you like the new School Planners which have been introduced for children in Years 1 to 6. As you will have noticed, there is great deal of useful information inside the planners to support you in helping your child with homework this year. The children have been very excited about using their new planners and we are very pleased by how much pride they are taking in them.

This academic year, in line with other primary schools, we are simplifying our homework expectations, focussing on securing basic skills and to ensure that all homework tasks are purposeful and meaningful to your child. The details of our homework policy can be found on the back of this letter and in your child's planner on pages 4 and 5.

On a Friday, we set Maths activities set from the CGP books, chosen to reinforce recent learning. The answers continue to be included in the back of the books. Please take some time to look through your child's maths homework and help them when needed. We warmly welcome families writing and annotating in these books, working alongside your child to reinforce their learning. If you would like your child's class teacher to provide further support, please note this on the relevant page/question. We will no longer be asking teachers to 'mark' these CGP books, but instead provide support to any children who need further help. We hope you can appreciate this change as an enhancement to your child's learning.

Your teachers will use the School Planners as a key channel for home/school communication and we welcome comments and feedback from homework.

Other homework tasks set will include daily home reading, learning of personalised and appropriate spelling lists, rehearsal of times table facts and corresponding division facts, and revision activities. As always, if you would like further support with homework, please do come and speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to offer individualised help and guidance.

Thank you for your continual support,

Yours faithfully

Mr R Hughes

Headteacher



Mass times at St Mary of the Angels Church – Sunday @ 9.00am

## Homework Expectations

At St Mary of the Angels, we value the role that learning at home has in helping your child to reinforce basic skills in reading, spellings and maths. To assist families, we aim to make homework as accessible and as purposeful as possible.

Here are the expectations we have throughout our school:

### EYFS:

- Weekly Phonics recognition and activities
- Daily reading (from Autumn 2nd half term)
- Counting and numbers

### Year 1:

- We expect parents to read with their child daily for 10 minutes and record this in the planner
- Weekly spellings are to be practised for 5 minutes every day.
- Complete the Maths CGP Activities set each Friday. Return to school with any requests for teacher help on Monday.

### Year 2 onwards:

- We expect parents to read with their child daily for 10 minutes and record this in the planner
- Weekly spellings are to be practised for 5 minutes every day.
- Children are registered with TT Rockstars and daily access is recommended, with a minimum of 10 games completed weekly.
- Complete the Maths CGP Activities set each Friday. Return to school with any requests for teacher help on Monday.

### Year 5 and 6

- There will be additional activities set for Year 5 and 6 children throughout the year, including revision tasks and reviews of practice test papers.

### Home Reading

Whilst your child may grow into a fluent reader at a young age, we expect all parents to continue to read with their children throughout their time at St Mary's. This may progress into reading books together, practising comprehension style questions or simply talking about the books or comics your child is reading independently. If you would like any advice or ideas about how to help you child with their reading, please speak to your class teacher.

### Additional Homework

If you would like further help or ideas with homework, or would like additional tasks to help your child with a specific area of learning, please speak to your class teacher who will be able to advise and guide you.