

St James Hatcham CE School

Home Work Policy

St James Hatcham School believes that a Home Work Policy will be valuable in supporting children's learning and help with strengthening home/school links.

Our aims are:

1. To provide opportunities for parental co-operation and support and to share with parents what we consider to be valuable and worthwhile.
2. To help children to cement concepts and to build upon and consolidate work done in the class.
3. To encourage children to take ownership and responsibility for their own learning.

We endeavour to achieve these aims by carrying out the following:

1. At the beginning of each term a letter will be sent to parents outlining some of the main areas that will be covered in their child's class.
2. From Year 1 to Year 6 the children will bring home weekly spellings. These may be connected to phonics taught in class or come from 'common word' banks or related to a topic in class. The spellings will be differentiated to match the ability of the children. The children will be tested on these words in school.
3. The children will bring home reading books in their book bags, which will be read in school and at home. Class teachers will make it clear in the children's Reading Diaries what targets the children are working on in reading and set a weekly task related to the book they are reading.
4. All children from Reception to year 6 will have a homework folder/book. A marking Key will be put at the front of each folder/book.
5. From Year 2 to Year 6 the children will be asked to learn their times tables. Again these will be tested in school.

The following activities may be given at the discretion of the class teacher:

1. When the children are following a topic in a curriculum area, the class teacher may request that photos, artefacts or other useful items are brought into school. They may also be asked to research any aspect of a topic.

2. If class teachers feel that the children would benefit from homework to reinforce or consolidate something taught in school one-off pieces of work may be set.

Please note the following:

Homework expected from each class:

- **Spellings**
- **Reading**
- **Reading tasks**
- **Times tables (Year 1 from Spring Term if the class teacher feels that the children are ready)**
- **Maths**

Class teachers will mark or initial work that is returned. If homework is not handed in on time, it will not be marked.

It is the responsibility of the children and their parents to make sure that homework is returned to school.