

ST. MADDOES PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMWORK INFORMATION

FOR FAMILIES



Introduction

Homework is a tool that is used to enhance and support learning in school. This guide aims to give you an overview of what to expect from homework in St. Maddoes.

Rationale

At St. Maddoes, we believe that homework supports, extends and consolidates the learning covered in the classroom while supporting children to develop self-discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning. We recognise the crucial importance of an active educational partnership between home and school. Homework is just one of the ways in which we seek to foster this partnership. Through consultation with parents, we have created a consistent approach to homework that allows for high levels of personalisation and choice whilst encouraging skills development and reinforcement of learning across the curriculum.

What if we don't have time?

We understand and appreciate that family time is precious and families are busy juggling other commitments. There will not be consequences for not handing in homework. However, we strongly encourage it and will reward every child who hands it in each week with a house point. Furthermore, certificates will be given at the discretion of the teacher for effort with homework.

Aims

- Our homework guidelines aim to:
- enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development.
 - foster strong partnership between school and home.
 - provide a high level of personalisation and choice.
 - develop skills across the curriculum.
 - deepen and extend learning from the classroom.
 - develop good work habits and self discipline for the future.
 - create a consistent approach across the school.

What Can Parents do to Help?

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place to do homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support.
- making it clear that you value homework and explaining how it helps learning.
- encouraging your child and praising them for completing the work set.
- signing and dating your child's completed homework to show that it is a reflection of their best efforts.
- ensuring work is complete and returned on time.
- checking your child spends a suitable amount of time on homework.

Additionally, you can support your child's development by:

- Talking to your child about their day, what they have been learning and how they have been learning.
- visits to libraries, museums etc.
- cooking or gardening with them.
- taking your child swimming.
- playing games e.g. board games, cards etc
- watching informative TV programmes together.
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.

Homework Overview

Homework across the year will consist of spelling, reading and numeracy. All of these areas will be given every term.

Homework will go home on a Monday and be due in each week on a Friday.

Reading is an exception as this is likely to be more frequent than weekly, especially in the lower school. Reading days will be communicated by the class teacher and recorded in Reading Records.

Homework will be issued using a jotter and tasks should be completed in it. Where a task is practical, a photo can be taken and uploaded to Seesaw.

There will be no homework handed out any weeks with 3 pupil days or less.

What if I am not sure what to do?

If you are not sure what the homework each term is, there will be a guide glued into the front page of your child's homework jotter. If you have any questions about a specific task then please make contact with your child's teacher who will be able to assist you.

Contact Us

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