



St John Bosco RC Primary School Homework Policy

School Mission Statement

At St. John Bosco's Catholic School, we belong to the family of God.

Following Jesus

Growing in love

Learning together

Respecting and caring for each other and those in our community

Making the right choices

St. John Bosco Pray For Us.

At St John Bosco RC Primary School we want homework to be a valued activity which gives our children and parents an opportunity to reinforce and enhance the children's learning. Homework will include a variety of tasks to encourage and develop children's skills and which will prepare them for the development of later independent study skills. Advice on homework is available from staff if required.

All children will be given homework differentiated as appropriate to their needs.

Homework will be given by Class Teachers for one of the following reasons:

- to enhance work already done in class
- to give extra practice in the basic literacy and numeracy skills
- to discover/research new facts
- to prepare children for skills/revision required of them in a test situation.

Yearly we will provide parents with a list of general activities that you can help your child with at home (see Appendix 1 for a sample list). A termly topic overview will be sent home, so that you can see the topics your child is learning about and talk about them with your child.

All children in the school are given either a book to share or a reading book, which should be read daily for at least 10 mins a night. This regular practice makes a real difference to children's reading fluency and helps with comprehension. Parents are asked to sign the reading card every time they read with their child, so that staff know that children are being supported at home and reading regularly.

From year 2 children are given:

- times tables to learn in the following order:
- 2, 5 and 10
- 3, 4 and 8
- 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12

Children should also learn matching division facts.
(taken from the 2014 National Curriculum)

From year 2 children will also be given spellings to learn.

From Year 3 children have daily access to Sumdog <http://www.sumdog.com> where they can practise maths, reading and writing skills.

In addition and as a general guide the following will be applied throughout the school, although teachers will decide individually when homework is sent out and collected in.

Foundation Stage	
Nursery	Reception
Weekly brain builder activities sheet, including phonics and number activities	Weekly brain builder activities sheet, including phonics and number activities
Key Stage 1	
Year 1	Year 2
Homework activities linked to Science or Creative Curriculum topics	Homework activities linked to Science or Creative Curriculum topics
Phonics activities from the Spring term	
Key Stage 2	
Year 3	Year 4
Weekly piece of written work linked to Literacy, Maths or Creative Curriculum	Weekly piece of written work linked to Literacy, Maths or Creative Curriculum
Year 5	Year 6
Weekly piece of written work linked to Literacy, Maths or Creative Curriculum	Weekly piece of written work linked to Literacy, Maths or Creative Curriculum
	Termly topic activity to research linked to the Creative Curriculum
	SATs revision work

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Appendix 1 – Activities to help your child with at home

- Learn to tie shoelaces and do and undo buttons or a zip
- Learn how to get dressed and undressed ready for PE
- Learn how to use a knife and fork
- Learn the value of coins
- Learn to tell the time, starting with o'clock and progressing to half past and quarter to and past
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20 – knowing very quickly all the pairs of numbers that add together to make 10, eg 5+5 etc
- Reading and spelling high frequency words (key words on the back of reading cards)