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Homework Policy

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Version History

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Rationale

- To inform parents about work going on in class;
- To further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- To take advantage of the home environment and resources and parental support.
- To provide an opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- To help to foster good habits of organization and self discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Content of the Homework Given

The main focus of homework will be English, Maths and Reading.

Homework will at times consist of formal exercises to be completed by the child, but will also include activities to be completed jointly by the parent and pupil, e.g. reading, research.

Homework begins in **Reception** with reading practice. This continues to be essential all the way through the child's primary education. When ready, children are expected to learn spellings throughout the year and this then extends to writing tasks.

Numeracy tasks begin with simple number activities that eventually develop into formal tasks. This will be supplemented by tables and number bond practice and mathematical games. In Foundation Stage children do weekly maths challenge cards.

Occasional topical homework

In addition to regular weekly activities, children may be given additional tasks that are differentiated according to age and ability. These may include research work, reading in preparation for lessons, preparation for an oral presentation and traditional written assignments. Occasionally children may be asked to finish work at home, but this will not form the core part of homework.

Homework will be explained at parents information sessions.

Teachers will establish a regular pattern for homework that parents will be informed about at the start of year parental information sessions.

Time Allocations for Homework at St Bonaventure's School

Year Group	Time allocation	Subjects
Reception	10 minutes per evening	Daily reading, one minute Maths, Phonics .
Year 1	One hour per week	Daily reading, one minute Maths, spellings.
Year 2	One hour per week	Daily reading, spellings practice, one minute Maths.
Year 3	One and a half hours per week	Daily reading, spellings practice, Times tables.
Year 4	One and a half hours per week	Daily reading, spellings practice, Times tables.
Year 5	Two hours per week	Daily reading, spellings practice, Times tables.
Year 6	Two and a half hours per week	Daily reading, spellings practice, Times tables, Literacy and Numeracy and other homework that supports learning in year 6 set on SATs companion.



This requirement follows the recommended national guidelines. The reading, especially in Key Stage 2, may form part of the other homework tasks.

Homework during School Holidays

Compulsory **(MUST)** homework will not be given during the Christmas, Easter or Summer Holidays. On occasions, teachers may give children the opportunity to research for project work during any holiday period, but this will be optional and additional time will be allocated during term time. It is anticipated however, that all children will continue to read during holiday times, from either a reading scheme book or other chosen text as appropriate to their age. In Year 6 SATs practice will be given during the Easter break

Special Educational Needs

The above timetable applies equally to children with recognised special educational needs. However, it will be differentiated according to their needs.

House points are awarded for completion of homework.