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### Information for Parents/Carers: Homework in Years 3- 6

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Dear Parent/Carer,

In this letter, you will find details of our homework and reading at home procedures for all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6.

#### Why?

Homework is an essential element of a child's primary school education. It can enable children to further develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. Furthermore, well-planned homework tasks enable children to reinforce the learning that has taken place at school to ensure that they are secure in their knowledge and understanding of key concepts.

#### When?

Every **Thursday** your child will bring home their Homework Book. This book will contain information for parents and carers about what your child is learning about in school as well as the weekly homework tasks. All homework books must be returned to school on **Thursday**.

#### What and How?

##### *Domain Units*

Each time your child begins a new Domain Unit e.g. *The Viking Age*, they will bring home a Knowledge Organiser. This knowledge organiser allows you and your child to see the core knowledge for the domain of learning; the knowledge to be remembered. This will be accompanied by additional guidance for home learning. The guidance includes an overview of the Domain, key vocabulary being learnt by the pupils, suggestions for additional reading to support learning in the domain, and opportunities to complete a home learning project. Pupils are asked to complete at least one independent learning project at home during the Domain Unit.

##### *Weekly homework*

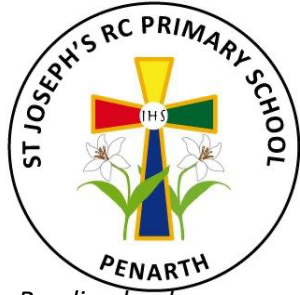
Each week the Homework Book will contain:

- A spelling list of words to learn at home.
- Maths learn its – mathematical facts linked to the Programme of Study for the year group e.g. a square has 4 straight sides. Your child needs to learn the facts by heart for an informal test the following week.
- Domain learn - its – domain facts or core vocabulary taken from the knowledge organiser.

In addition, your child may bring home a Domain Unit home-learning project, a piece of homework linked to the Religious Education topic, reading comprehension or a worksheet to consolidate their learning in maths.

##### *High Frequency Words*

At the start of the year, your child completed a spelling test of high frequency words appropriate for their year group. The high frequency words sheet is in your child's homework book and can be used at home for you to support them in learning the high frequency words that they are not yet able to spell. We suggest focusing on approximately six words a week. The children will be tested again in November and February.



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### *Reading books*

Your child will bring home a school reading book which they have chosen themselves from a bank at the appropriate ability level. Please record the book title in the 'Reading at Home' booklet and details of the pages read during the week. The booklet should be returned to school with the Homework Book each Thursday. When your child has completed the book, and a parent's/carer's signature confirm this, they may change it for another. This week, we will also be sending home your child's *Giglets* username and password. *Giglets* can be used to select books for pleasure and interest - it is a great resource.

### *Assessment of Learning*

We have planned homework tasks that will complement what your child is learning about and learning to do in school. We have also planned the tasks to provide children, parents and teachers with a regular routine.

After the Homework Books have been returned each Thursday, your child will be given spelling and maths learn it tests and they will complete a domain learn it activity. The results of this work will be recorded and the information will allow teachers to monitor the completion of homework as well providing a record of children's retention of learning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions or queries about homework, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Taylor  
Headteacher