



## St Peter at Gowts Church of England Primary School

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| <b>Policy</b>        | Homework |
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### Introduction

As we endeavour to be the best teachers we can be, we hold ourselves accountable to the teaching standards which state, "...set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired."

Through the use of homework activities at St Peter at Gowts, we hope to work together with parents and guardians to revise, enthuse and stimulate their children's learning experiences.

### Aims and Expectations

Through this policy we hope to:

- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school
- Develop an effective partnership between school and home in pursuing the aims of our school
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding particularly in English and Maths
- Extend school learning
- Ensure that parents/guardians have a clear understanding about our expectations from them and the pupils
- Provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work together to enjoy and share learning experiences
- Ensure the needs of the individual pupil are taken into account
- Encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own
- Prepare children to achieve age related expectations
- At Year 6, to prepare the pupils for the requirements of secondary school

### Entitlement

All pupils regardless of cultural background, gender or physical ability will have equal access to homework activities.

### Implementation

The class teacher will set homework regularly within their year group, sometimes across key stage phases on a weekly basis. Homework will be discussed with the children when set and once again when returned, and marked accordingly. House points will be rewarded for exceptional homework including content and presentation. Whenever possible, all homework will have an example showing what is expected. All children will have their own homework book to record the activities and timeline for completion. Homework will be completed in books and loose sheets will be stuck in this book.

The following table will form an appendix to the Home School Agreement and will be sent to all parents.

| <b>Age Range</b>  | <b>Time Allocation</b>   | <b>Suggested Activities</b>   |
|---|--|---|
| Reception   | 1 hour per week  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at least 5 times per week</li> <li>• Maths games</li> <li>• Story sacks</li> <li>• Time to talk about school with adults</li> </ul>  |
| Yr 1 & 2  | 1 hour per week  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at least 5 times per week</li> <li>• Maths games</li> <li>• Weekly spellings</li> <li>• Year 2 SATs preparation</li> </ul>   |
| Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6<br><br><i>Temporary homework for revision purposes</i> | 1.5 hours per week<br><br>(18 minutes per day over 5 days)<br><br><i>Plus up to 1 hour per week for SAT revision pack.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at least 5 times per week</li> <li>• Weekly spellings</li> <li>• Practise times tables appropriate to your child's stage and learn its.</li> <li>• Use Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed on line where possible</li> <li>• <i>Y6 only- Weekly SAT pack activities.</i></li> </ul> |

Termly topic homework will be given out in the same week at the start of a term / topic and asked to be brought back in to share and celebrate on the same day across the key stage. The expectations for this homework is to do as much as little as the children / parents would like to do, with the emphasis on quality not quantity.

All homework across the school will be handed out on a Wednesday and will be collected in on a Monday. This will be monitored and recorded and fed back to parents on parents' evenings and in their end of year report.

All children are expected to complete the homework set each week. If children do not hand it in on a Monday, they get a chance to hand it in late on Tuesday. If children miss 3 or more homework activities in a term, they will be strongly encouraged to go to a homework club.

There will be a school club for homework which is available for all children across the school.

This policy has been discussed and agreed by staff and governors and will be reviewed annually.