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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Key Stage 2 Homework

We believe that homework is important, but it should be achievable for all families to manage in a busy and sometimes hectic lifestyle. We always want to try to help you, as a parent, to support your child in their current class and curriculum. Children should be able to work independently, but may need parental support from time to time. Sometimes parents become anxious when trying to help their child as they may have forgotten all that they learned at school or are in fear of how to help. We have some online support for you on our school website. These may be videos etc. for you to watch. These are in the curriculum section of our website. If you do not have internet access at home, your child can use facilities at school.

Homework will always be manageable and will help your child to become more independent with their learning and help them to become more organised. Occasionally, your child may be given additional homework to boost their skills e.g. Handwriting. Ideally, homework tasks should be avoided over the weekend period as families should be out and about enjoying time together but it is up to individual family circumstances how this is organised. Here is an outline of the homework requirements once your child reaches Key Stage 2. (Classes 6-12)





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<i>Curriculum</i>	<i>Date Set</i>	<i>Completed By</i>	<i>Support</i>
Maths	Each Monday . Weekly task that is connected with current Maths lessons.	To be handed in and marked on the Friday of that week .	Parent can log into "Mathswatch" via the School website curriculum tab to watch tutorial to help with worksheet.
Spellings	Each Tuesday . A weekly list of spellings from Year Group Spellings.	To be completed and tested on the Friday of the same week .	Child can log into "AAA Spellings" via the School website curriculum tab to complete spelling tasks.
Grammar	Each Wednesday . Activity sheet linked with Year Group Expectations.	To be completed and handed in on the Wednesday of the following week .	A grammar Parent Help guide is available on the school website.
Tables	Each night as directed by Class teacher for 5 minutes.	By the end of Year 4 children should know all tables.	There are various tables games on the internet.





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<h2>Reading</h2>	<p>Each night as directed by Class teacher for:</p> <p>Year 3 and 4 – 10 mins</p> <p>Year 5 and 6- 20 mins</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ideally children should be classed as "Free Readers"(Not reading scheme books) before entering Secondary School.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to read a variety of books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiction • Non-Fiction • Poetry • Magazines • Newspapers
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All of this will help your child to continue to improve and enjoy the curriculum and with good partnerships between school and home your child will continue to make good progress. As a family, please continue to provide other learning experiences for your children so they become the best they can be. As a faith school, we all want the wholeness of your child to be developed and not just the academic side. Pope Francis recently suggested this advice for all families to help them grow closer in love. It is pretty simple and sound advice for all of us!

If you have any queries concerning your child's homework, please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours



Mr.M.Ryan

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POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

YOU NEED 3 PHRASES IN A FAMILY



- 1 May I?
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 I'm sorry.

