

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

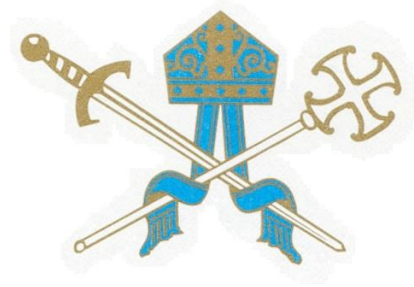
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Dear Parents

After updating our homework policy last year, we are now ready to start setting homework. The full policy is available on the school website for you to read. The children in year five are expected to spend 2 and a half hours per week on their homework. Reading is included in this time. All children should be reading every evening and we would be grateful if parents could talk to their children about the books they have read to improve comprehension skills further. In year 5 children can record in their own reading record books but we still require an adult's signature and comment, the expectation is the record is signed every time reading occurs which should be at least five times a week. Children may read their own books alongside their school books. Any reading they do should be recorded in their reading records.

We will be setting spellings regularly for the children to learn. These words will be from a list of suggested words for year five children, or they may be relevant to topics being studied in school. Children are expected to learn these spellings and to put them into context. Sometimes the children will be given Grammar and Punctuation work. They will also be set reading comprehension tasks.

For maths, fluency and reasoning are the areas we are working on in school. Children are now expected to have a rapid recall of times tables at a much younger age. In year five we will be sending home regular arithmetic practise which will encourage fluency. Children will also complete investigations or solve problems which encourage them to explain their mathematical thinking. Occasionally we will set homework linked to other areas of the curriculum for children to research or revise.

In year five, homework will generally be set on a Thursday and will be due in on a Tuesday. Children should, where possible, do some homework every evening so that they are not overwhelmed or rushed on a Monday evening.

We would appreciate parental support, particularly to check that homework is of a good standard. Please remember to sign each piece of homework for your child once it has been checked at home.

If children ever miss homework, lose anything they need or forget what to do, please encourage them to ask their teachers for help.

I thank you in advance for your support  
Mrs Harris  
Year 5 leader



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