

# St Luke's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In the Summer term, we provided a consultation period during which you had the opportunity to give your opinions on the homework provision that you feel would be most appropriate for your child. Thank you for all of your responses, we have used these to shape our new homework policy moving forward.

We were pleased to see that the overwhelming majority of our parents support homework and understand the importance and benefit of completing it, whilst recognising that it shouldn't be too onerous in earlier year groups. For our part, we fully support a balanced homework timetable but also recognise that pupils have opportunities and experiences outside of school that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives.

Therefore, taking into account your surveyed responses, we have decided to make the following changes to homework, effective from September 2021:

- We will have a consistent, clear approach with all classes setting homework on the same day (Friday) to support parents with children in multiple classes.
- Dojo will also be used regularly for reminders and communication regarding homework.
- The majority of homework set will be on paper rather than online which we found to be an overwhelming preference in the surveyed responses.
- We have reduced the number of website logins for each child and the only expectation is that pupils in KS2 access TTRockstars (other logins can be used for extra activities but will not be used to set homework).
- Following your responses, we have decided to remove our expectations for creative homework. As a school we are passionate about the creative areas of the curriculum and our school environment and focus will continue to reflect this. Our staff will always enjoy receiving creative activities linked to their topic if this is something you do enjoy making at home.

Our current expectations with regards to reading will continue with all pupils expected to read 4 times per week. Diaries will continue to be checked on a Thursday in all classes and pupils completing the 4 times per week read will be entered into the book raffle and receive 5 dojos each.

In addition to reading, these are the homework expectations for each year group:

- Spellings will be set in all classes from Year 1 – 6. The spelling tests will take place on a Friday and a new set will be sent home for the following week.
- All other homework will be set on a Friday and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday in order to allow time for staff to mark. Any homework returned after Wednesday will not be marked.
- Work will be sent home in a homework book along with a spelling overview for the half term and weekly spelling practice sheets.
- Homework expectations will depend on year group – please see the attached table for each individual class's expectations.

As you will see, the expectations for each class gradually increase, we feel this is important to develop independence skills and to prepare pupils for high school expectations. We hope that you will support us in this new policy for homework, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Rachel Stafford

Year Group	Homework	Total/week	Day
<b>Year 1 Busy Bees</b>	Spelling practice	10 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	Phonics activities (games, worksheets or cards to practice sounds)	10 minutes	Set on a Friday
<b>Year 2 Eager Elephants</b>	Spelling practice	15 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	Maths or English homework (This will alternate – one piece per week)	20 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
<b>Year 3 Dazzling Dolphins</b>	Spelling practice	15 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	TT Rockstars (Access at least once a week from home)	10 minutes	Checked every Thursday
	Maths or English homework (This will alternate – one piece per week)	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
<b>Year 4 Super Sloths</b>	Spelling practice	15 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	TT Rockstars (Access at least once a week from home)	10 minutes	Checked every Thursday
	Maths or English homework (This will alternate – one piece per week)	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
<b>Year 5 Performing Pandas</b>	Spelling practice	15 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	Maths homework (Worksheet –basic skills sheet – will be marked as a class)	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
	English homework	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
<b>Year 6 Learning Leopards</b>	Spelling practice	15 minutes	Spelling test - Friday
	Maths homework (Worksheet –basic skills sheet – will be marked as a class)	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday
	English homework	30 minutes	Set on a Friday Returned on a Wednesday

