

# Homework



## Parent Pocket Guide



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Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Our homework programme aims to help children develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning, as well as reinforcing their learning within the class setting. It supports the development of independent learning skills and will provide parents with an opportunity to take part in their child's education. This should be an enjoyable experience for both adult and child!

Here at St. Norbert's Catholic Primary School homework will:

encompass a variety of activities, across the curriculum and these are an important part of the home/school partnership. More detailed information concerning the content of the homework will be provided by your child's class teacher, but the following is a time guide for each year group, as recommended by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. (See: [www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk) for further info.)

Reception/Year 1/Year 2: 1 hour

Year 3/ Year 4: 1 hour 30 minutes

Year 5/ Year 6: 2 hours



We do not set homework during school holidays, although it is anticipated that children will continue to enjoy reading. We do not give homework when pupils are ill or absent, unless requested by the parents.

The expectation is that children are reading or sharing a book with parents every week night for a minimum of 10 minutes. This will be a stage reader book until such time as your child becomes a 'free reader'. You can record comments and feedback on your child's reading in their reading diary.

Weekly Spellings will be set in Year 1 through to Year 6 using the "Look, Write, Cover, Check" sheets. Children will be tested weekly on their spellings and encouraged to learn and apply that particular rule during that week at school.

Following on from the excellent success of our Spirals Enquiry Project, weekly multiplication tables will be set for children in Year 1 to 6 to learn, which they will then be tested on at the end of the week.

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Inside the homework book, you will find a feedback sheet, which the teacher will use to record a comment on each week. There is also an opportunity for parents and pupils to record a comment about what they have achieved that week. You can find copies of all homework sheets on your child's class page on the school website.

### Suggestions for presenting creative homework tasks:

Use groovy writing to make titles

Use lots of bright colours and different media such as gel pens, felt tips and pencil crayon

Use different coloured and textured papers

Draw or cut out pictures from magazines or print them off the internet

Display photographs of yourself doing something practical/or somewhere you have been

Create a collage

Make fold up flaps of paper or pop-ups with information on

Stick envelopes/pockets with information inside onto your page

Create mini books or zig-zag books and stick them in

Fold up large pieces of paper and stick them onto your page to create more space

Stick in word-processed work onto your page

Create tables, charts, bar graphs or pictograms

Draw Venn diagrams, spider diagrams, flow diagrams, labelled diagrams or mind maps

Present your ideas in different ways such as a poem, song, newspaper report, interview, playscript, diary, leaflet, recipe, cartoon strip, instructions, fact file or even create your own game!

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**Have Fun! If you have any concerns, please come and see us!**