

Grace Mary Homework Policy KS1

- Homework gives you as parents an insight into your child's learning, and is an important part of building positive habits towards learning, as well as consolidating and extending learning.
- You have an important role in supporting and encouraging your child to engage in homework that will allow them to flourish.
- We expect children to access some aspect of homework every night, be it spelling, reading or maths focused. Read below to help you understand our expectations regarding homework.

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
10 minutes per day	Reading	Reading is the most important homework activity that a child can do. There are three types of reading: - You reading to your child. - Your child reading to you. - Your child reading to themselves. Over the course of the week, you should be engaging in all three types of learning. Just ten minutes reading each day adds up to over 60 hours of reading a year. Your child will be set: - An online reading book each week on Oxford Owl Portal that you can enjoy together. - A story book to share with a grown up that will be at a higher reading level. Begin by reading the book to your child. Point to each word as you read it; this will help children develop an understanding that print is read from left to right, and that each word has meaning. Read this book with your child as much as you can. As you read the book, explain the meaning of unfamiliar words to your child. Read with expression when necessary- this will help your child to read with expression too! After you have finished reading the book, question your child about what has happened – talk about the characters, setting and what happens or why things happen. Talk about the how the characters feel. Talk about what might happen next.	Your child's teacher will check engagement on the portal.
10 minutes per day	Spelling	In year 2, spellings will be sent home weekly for your child to practice from spring term onwards.	Children will be assessed each week on their spellings.
10 minutes per day	Addition and subtraction facts and times tables.	Year 1 Pupils can practise their addition and subtraction facts on Numbots – a great online learning tool that supports the way that we teach maths here at Grace Mary. Year 2 pupils can also practise their x2, x5 and x10 times tables on TTRockStars which uses the same password as Numbots.	https://iTrackstars.com/ Your child's teacher will check when and how frequently your child has logged on and the outcomes of the tasks they complete.
10 minutes per day	Maths Scrap Book	Each week, in year 1, a new activity will be sent home for you to complete alongside your child. In year 1, we help children develop a positive attitude towards maths through fun, practical activities and play. We encourage children to spot maths in everyday life by counting, comparing, measuring, exploring shapes and patterns, and solving simple problems. Parents can support this learning at home through activities such as cooking, shopping, playing board games, counting objects, and talking about numbers in daily routines. Most importantly, we encourage everyone to	Journals to be sent in to school and shared with staff.

		talk positively about maths, helping children build confidence, enjoy challenges, and understand that making mistakes is an important part of learning.	
Once per week	Maths.co.uk	All pupils have a Maths.co.uk account, which gives them the chance to practise common maths problems, linked to what they are learning in school.	https://www.maths.co.uk/ Accounts are checked regularly by the teachers, with additional practice celebrated.