

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.

Type	Notes	Check
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. In Year 1, we also give out Rocket Words every week to be practiced regularly for reading <i>and</i> spelling. These are high frequency words, which in many cases are also 'red words' (tricky words to read and spell).	Your child's teacher will ask questions about the story your child is reading at home. Every half term, children read the rocket words that have been sent home and we tick off the ones that can be read fluently.
Spelling	Pupils will learn new spellings in Phonics each week that include new sounds that have been taught. Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and children should learn and practice them repeatedly until they get them correct.	Phonics and SPaG lessons include spelling practise and mini quizzes of words and words with sounds in that have been taught in the days/weeks previous.
Mathematics	Pupils can practise their maths learning 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.	Your child's teacher can check when and how frequently your child has logged on and the outcomes of the tasks they complete.
Self-Quizzing *Year 2 Only	For every science, history and geography topic, we have created a knowledge organiser which lists the key facts that all children should remember. Pupils should use these to regularly self-quiz. See the website for a video explaining self-quizzing.	Informally checked through quizzing sessions.