

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

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"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Reminder: Reading, Spellings and Homework

As we continue through Year 1, I would like to remind parents of the importance of supporting their child's learning at home. We have noticed that a number of children are not reading regularly or consistently completing their home learning, and I would like to reinforce our expectations.

Home Reading

All children are expected to read at home **at least three times per week**, with each reading session recorded in their Reading Record. **Please note that reading books will only be changed when at least three reading sessions have been recorded in your child's Reading Record.** Regular reading is essential for developing fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and confidence. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly are more likely to achieve well across the curriculum. Just 10–15 minutes of reading at home can make a significant difference to your child's progress.

Weekly Spellings

Children are also expected to practise their weekly spellings at home. Regular practice helps to reinforce phonics knowledge, improve spelling accuracy and develop confidence in independent writing. A few minutes of practice each day is far more effective than trying to learn all the spellings at once.

Weekly Homework

All children are expected to complete and return their weekly homework. These activities are carefully planned to consolidate learning taught in school and develop children's confidence, independence and understanding.

While we appreciate that family life can be busy, reading, spellings and homework are important expectations that require regular commitment and support from home. The support you provide at home makes a real difference to your child's achievement. We all want the children to succeed, and working together is essential in helping them reach their full potential.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. If you have any difficulties supporting your child with their home learning, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards,
Mrs Meakin