

Home Learning Parental Guidance



Overview

Teachers and staff at St Mary's have planned learning during this period of closure to ensure academic progress continues and children remain enthused by learning and also physically fit and healthy. Largely, Home Learning is planned to be completed independently, without adult support. Parents/carers are not expected to be teachers. Of course, please do participate with activities with your child if you like – we would encourage this where possible. There may be times when learning is a little too challenging or even a little easy; teachers and staff will try their best to pitch learning to meet every child's needs.

Each week's learning will be uploaded to the following webpage on our school website under the relevant year group ready for Monday morning each week:

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/home-learning/>

Top Tips

- Every day's learning should be dated in books. Children should write the long date (e.g. 12th March 2020) and underline with a ruler. It should be titled (e.g. Maths or English) and underlined.
- Do your best to encourage high standards of presentation. Remind your child that their teachers will be looking at it when we return.
- Handwriting should be joined for children in Years 2 and up.
- If you have the time, look over your child's learning. Where possible, discuss with them one thing that is really good (a star) and one thing that could be improved (a wish). Children are great at finding these themselves too.
- Identify up to (but no more than) three spellings per piece of work. Write them correctly at the bottom of their work. Your child then needs to correctly write each spelling mistake three times.
- Consider a reward chart or reward system for children if they struggle to work well or be motivated (there is an example on the Home Learning page of our website).
- The timetable and timings are our suggestion but be flexible if needed (for example, you may find PE at a different time works or you may even decide to go out for a walk for PE that day; you may find maths is best to get done first – use your best judgment).
- Having a clock or timer on display can help.
- Where possible, a quiet place with a desk/table and chair will support learning.
- We are a Christian school and our daily 'Spiritual Reflection' is something we hope most will engage in but appreciate not all will.
- Do your best! Don't worry if some days don't go so well; this happens to teachers too! Remain positive.