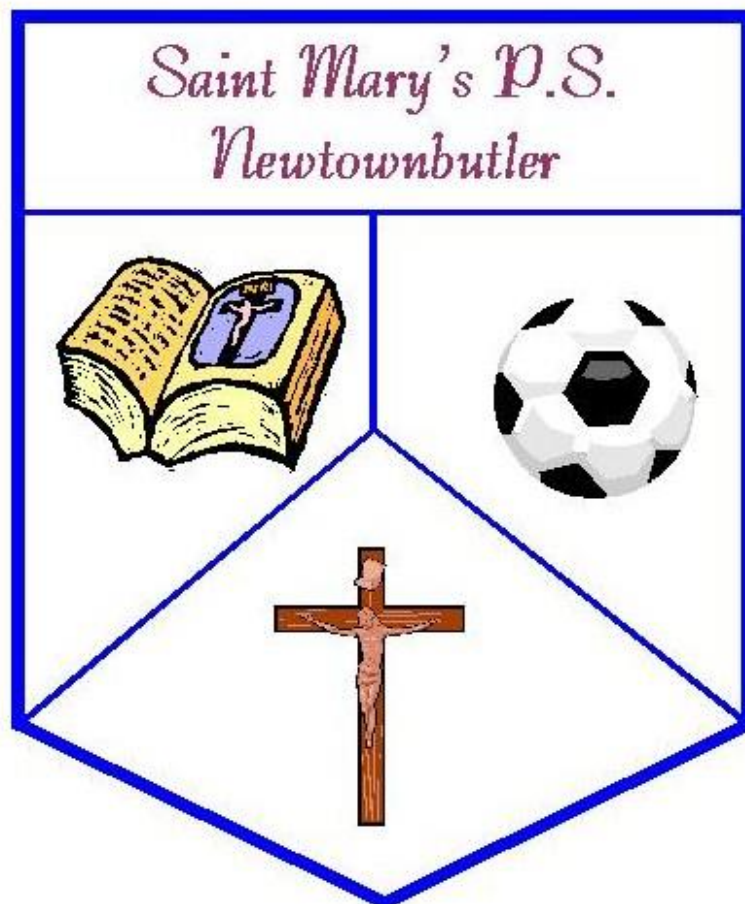


# St. Mary's Newtownbutler



## Homework Policy



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St. Mary's Primary School sees a value in children engaging in homework as a means of revising and consolidating work done in school, in researching information, in preparing for tests and examinations, in involving parents in their children's studies and in the development of good work habits.

This must be balanced with each child's need for recreation and the development of personal interests and hobbies. The set amount of homework will take account of that. **If parents have any concerns about homework they are most welcome to discuss the matter with the class teacher** - by appointment.

It is school policy that suitable homework will be given on a very regular basis. Weekend homework is at the discretion of the class teacher.

Parents' assistance can ensure that:

- (a) children do their homework in a warm, quiet area with no distractions
- (b) children are properly supervised (We recommend that parents discuss / check or complete as necessary, any homework which has been started in After School Club).
- (c) homework is completed with great care
- (d) children learn their reading, spellings and tables

## Suggested time limits for homework:

**P1/2 - 15-30 minutes**

**P3/4 - 30-45 minutes**

**P5/6/7 - 45-60 minutes**

If a child cannot complete homework in the allocated time, please note this on their homework book or send a message on Seesaw. Remember to keep good contact with the class teacher if you have any concerns about homework.

Please find listed below the homework schedule for each year group Monday-Thursday.

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| <b>Primary 1</b>       | Maths, English or other curriculum activity<br>Reading, introduced gradually, preceded by words to practise and picture books to develop language and book handling skills.                                               |
| <b>Primary 2</b>       | Reading and Phonics (given Mon. parts to be completed each night and returned on Friday)<br>Computer Based activities – Maths / Reading are set monthly.<br>Maths and Literacy activities introduced throughout the year. |
| <b>Primary 3&amp;4</b> | Reading, Phonics, Mental Maths Book and English Practise Books (nightly Mon-Thurs - introduced during P3)<br>Practise number facts nightly.                                                                               |
| <b>Primary 5-7</b>     | Reading, Phonics, Mental Maths and English Practise Books (nightly Mon-Thurs).<br>Maths or English (this may include a reading activity)<br>Practise tables nightly                                                       |

On occasion pupils will be asked to learn prayers, hymns or poems, to discuss RE or topic work and older pupils may be asked to carry out research and computer based activities at home. Primary 1,2 and 3 pupils will bring Grow In Love Workbooks home to share with parents.

P3-7 Athletics on Thurs

Lexia / Accelerated Reading, Active Learn (Bug Club / Abacus) as directed by teacher.