

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Homework in the Foundation Classes at Venerable Edward Morgan RC Primary School (VEM)

We have recently noticed a decline in the number of pupils completing their homework. We appreciate that many pupils have numerous activities after school and also recognise the importance of having time to play and socialise. However, we are firmly committed to encouraging our pupils to complete their homework for the benefit of their learning.

We want pupils to be given the opportunity to enhance their learning completed at VEM with these homework tasks and applications. They can give the pupils a chance to improve scores, learn time management and develop self-discipline.

Here are the weekly tasks: -

1. The most important homework we set at VEM is **reading**. Each week we encourage your child to choose a book from the VEM library to take home and enjoy.
2. We ask pupils to complete their **reading books** set by the class teacher. Each pupil is sent 2 books home to read each Wednesday to be returned the following Wednesday.
3. **Weekly Spelling**. Pupils need to learn their weekly spellings in their blue books ready for testing.
4. **RM easi Maths** is to be completed for three ten-minute sessions a week. This covers a range of mathematical topics, allowing pupils to build up their mental fluency and develop their number experiences.

For our younger pupils little and often is usually the most effective method to complete homework, such as reading daily for 5 minutes after tea.

Moving forwards: -

- Starting next week and every week, pupils who complete and return their reading books, spelling books and do their RM easi Maths will be given a ticket to enter a termly prize draw

Your support in these important matters would be really and greatly appreciated.

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