



**St. Philip's**  
RC Primary School

29th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, your children have settled back into school wonderfully. I am very proud of them - happy, hardworking pupils who enjoy learning.

I am writing to clarify some miscommunications regarding homework expectations outlined in previous letters. As you are aware, we have adjusted our approach to focus on securing foundations in reading, spelling and times tables knowledge.

To clarify, we suggest:

- 5 minutes per evening on times tables using the timetables rockstar app and times table practice book.
- 5 minutes on spellings using the spelling shed app, I would also recommend practising writing them out too.
- 10–15 minutes of reading – reading book.
- Time given to reading any other books for pleasure.

This will naturally vary depending on how your family structures homework, and it will look different from home to home. We recommend short bursts each evening, as these are usually more beneficial for most children. However, you may find your child needs more or less time on particular areas, or prefers to spend longer on others, that is for you as parents to decide.

We also recognise that families have very busy lives, especially during the week. As a parent myself of two little ones, I understand the demands of homework, and I know that sometimes it isn't possible every evening. Each family will have their own routines to balance homework with family life.

If you need support with homework, please just ask. Staff will monitor homework and will speak to you if any additional support is needed. If you have any questions about your child's homework or how best to support them, please speak to their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support in working together to help your child with their learning.

Best wishes,

Miss McNamara



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