

Home Learning Policy



Home Learning is set for the following reasons:

- To reinforce learning
- To strengthen our partnership between home and school
- To provide opportunities to extend learning
- To provide opportunities to prepare for future learning
- To provide 1:1 learning opportunities
- To foster a love of learning that takes place not only in school

The majority of Home Learning activities are set on a Thursday and the children are expected to have completed it by Tuesday of the following week. Home Learning books are used to record the activities (in Year 6 pupils use their planner).

In Key Stage 2, a child will be asked to use some of their lunchtime break to complete any outstanding homework.

As a school we use Google Classroom to communicate home learning with parents and children. For some tasks children are required to upload their work for the teachers to assess

Reading

Reading is an important skill and finding time every day to read is the best way to make progress. We ask that all children read at least 3 times a week and record this in their Reading Journals. For younger pupils, parents are asked to make a record of the reading, commenting on their strengths and any areas of concern.

Initially children will bring home books to share with parents/carers for the parent/carer to read to them. As children become more confident decoding and blending, they will bring home books that are suitable for them to read themselves.

For more ideas on how to support your child with reading and how we use Read, Write Inc to teach phonics, please visit our website.

Writing

Spelling is a major focus for Home Learning and throughout their time at the school children will have opportunities to practice their spellings at home.

Here are some ideas you could try to help them learn their spellings.

- The 'look, say, cover, write and check' method can help your child to remember how to spell words that they find difficult.

Look at the shape of the word. Can you see any patterns or groups of letters that go together? Are there any words within words?

Say the word carefully and slowly to yourself. Try to listen for the sounds in the word.

Cover the word. Try to picture the word in your mind, closing your eyes might help you to do this. Say the word to yourself again and then.....

Write the word down.

Check to see if it is correct. If the word isn't quite right don't worry, just try again. It can often take a few attempts to get it right.

- Draw a rainbow of words. Write all your words in each arc using a different colour for each arc.
- **Type It!** - if your child loves using the computer, encourage them to type up their spelling words.
- Mnemonics: Think up a rhyme or saying to help your child learn a tricky word. They will have great fun with this!
e.g. rhythm (**rhythm** helps **your two hips move**)
because (**big** elephants **can** **always** **understand** **small** elephants)
- Find little words in big words (island is, land, soldier sold, old)
- Find the tricky bits and underline them in colour (**beautiful**)
- How many syllables?
Write each spelling word and then divide the word into syllables.
Write the number of syllables each word has.
Example: (im / port / ant) 3

Younger children will also be encouraged to practise their handwriting and letter formation at home.

Maths

Learning number facts and times tables are vital for success in Maths. The children work through a program to learn these facts and we would ask that they practice these daily to help them get this knowledge into their long-term memory. We expect children in Year 4 to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. We use a range of web-based programmes to further support the children's Maths development. These will be introduced to the children in school before being used at home.

As children progress through the school they will have additional Maths activities to complete at home.

Theme

Occasionally, children will be set additional tasks linked to their Theme. These may be longer research projects or activities for them to share with a parent.

As a school we use Knowledge Organisers for each Theme/Subject. A Knowledge Organiser is a one page summary of the key facts and concepts your child needs to know to be successful. Teachers will provide opportunities for children to quiz themselves on this knowledge during the theme.