The Mulberry Primary School

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Home Learning Policy

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Our Home Learning policy covers all activities that children undertake outside of school lesson time, either with the support of their family or on their own. It is in line with National Curriculum requirements and aims to establish good habits from the beginning of school life. Home learning develops key English and Maths skills and consolidates classroom learning. It is set every Friday by teachers on J2Launch and children are provided with hard copies if needed. Children have a week to complete their home learning and teachers will share good examples in class. This policy is designed to ensure a consistent approach throughout the school and clarity of expectation and accessibility for families.

Aims

- To improve children's attitude to learning, increase confidence and develop independent learning.
- To strengthen the links between home and school by creating shared expectations.
- To ensure that parents / carers are clear about what their children are learning in school, the methods used and to provide clear guidelines to families.
- To offer high quality learning opportunities for children in case of absence.

Guidance for Families

- Encourage and support your child to complete their homework on time and celebrate their achievements with them.
- Where possible, provide a suitable place with clear light and without the distractions of television and other family members.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for their home learning by ensuring that deadlines are met and self-organisation skills are developed.

Reading Expectations

Daily reading is an essential part of our home learning expectations and all children are provided with home reading books matched to their instructional level (either books or phonic books).

- Nursery, Reception and Year 1/2 reading books include phonic reading books to reinforce the phonemes taught that week, as well as free choice reading books to foster a love of reading.
- Years 3 to 6 use Accelerated Reader, so teachers can manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level that they are interested in, and reads it at home and in school. When finished, they take a short quiz on the computer and passing the quiz shows that your child understood what they read. Accelerated Reader gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Maths Expectations

Fluency of number facts is essential for children to access every aspect of the maths curriculum. Please ensure that your child practises their times tables regularly using Times Table Rock and rehearse these multiplication facts orally too.

Optional Maths homework books and links to buying the books can be found on J2 and on the website.

Home Learning Expectations

Year group	Homework	Guidelines for timings
Nursery and Reception	Daily reading of phonic book Daily sharing of books discussing story & characters Adults read children books and encourage children to join in with them, pointing to words as they are read Let's get talking	10 minutes daily 10 minutes fortnightly
	Letter formation practise and phonics rehearsal	5 minutes daily
	Maths links on tapestry	5 minutes **weekly**
Year 1	Daily reading of phonic book Daily sharing of books discussing story & characters	10 minutes daily
	Spellings	5 minutes daily
	Handwriting / letter formation practice	5 minutes daily
	Numbots	5 minutes daily
Year 2	Daily reading	15 minutes daily
	Spellings	5 minutes daily
	Daily times table practise	5 minutes daily
	Numbots	5 minutes daily
Year 3 / 4	Daily reading (Accelerated Reader)	20 minutes daily
	Spellings	5 minutes daily
	Daily times table practise – Times Table Rock Stars	5 minutes daily
Year 5 / 6	Daily reading (Accelerated Reader)	30 minutes daily
	Spellings	5 minutes daily
	Daily times table practise – Times Table Rock Stars	5 minutes daily
	Maths linked to weekly class teaching –Maths HW book	25 minutes **weekly**

Homework is uploaded to J2Launch on Fridays and children have a week to complete it.

J2 Launch link https://www.j2e.com/

AR link https://ukhosted12.renlearn.co.uk/2231268/

For number facts practice in Year 1 and Year 2 use the link below :

https://numbots.com/

For times tables practice please use the links below

TTRS link https://ttrockstars.com/

Hit the button link https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button