

Malmesbury Primary School



Home Learning Policy

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Home Learning encompasses a variety of activities, instigated by teachers or parents/carers, and can be anything that the children do outside of the normal school day that contributes to their learning.

Children benefit from the mutual support of parents/carers and teachers in encouraging them to learn both at home and at school. Home learning is an important way of establishing a successful dialogue between teachers and parents.

We recognise the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst we feel that home learning activities from school are important, they should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out of school clubs and organisations that play a significant part in the lives of many children. We believe it is important for children and parents/carers to take full advantage of the experiences and opportunities that are available outside of school.

The policy has been written in light of comments retrieved from parental questionnaires and meetings and staff consultations.

What the school will do:

- Teachers will plan a variety of home learning activities at the beginning of each half term or term. These will be based on the curriculum theme for the term or half-term, and the books being read in class. There will be a wide range of tasks and suggestions for activities, e.g. places to visit or websites to explore, from which parents/carers and children may choose.
- Teachers will show that they value the work that is done – providing verbal or written feedback as appropriate. Children may also be nominated as "Learner(s) of the week" when they receive a certificate and their names are included on the Good News Friday Newsletter for the week. Work may be displayed in classrooms or on the school's website.
- Teachers will follow the school's home learning policy.
- All children from Reception to Year 6 are given a Home School Diary in which home learning and reading can be recorded. The Home School Diaries contain useful factual information and reminders which could be helpful to children and parents/carers when completing home learning tasks.
- Teachers in Reception to year 6 will ensure children have suitable books to take home to read each day.
- Teachers in year 6 will aim to help children prepare for the increased expectations in secondary school. Additional Maths and English homework will be set for pupils in these year groups.
- Teachers in other year groups may feel the need to set other pieces of homework throughout the school year, for special occasions or as additional support. This will be done at the teacher's discretion and may include remote learning (see Remote Learning policy).
- Provide online learning resources on the school website so pupils are able to access them easily.
- Have an up to date SEN policy in place to support pupils with special educational needs.

How parents and carers can help:

- Provide a suitable time and place for home learning to be done.
- Read through the variety of home learning activities and choose those that suit the family.

- Show that home learning is valued and ensure that it is completed regularly.
- Encourage children to become increasingly responsible for completing tasks and inform teachers of any problems encountered.
- Give time to read regularly with children. This could be by looking at a book together, reading to the child, listening to the child read or talking about a book they have read, according to the age of the child.
- Help their child develop rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts or times tables and related division facts through games and other daily practice.

What the children should do:

- Share what they are learning with their family and suggest other suitable home learning activities.
- Take home a book to read each day.
- Work towards being a Maths Magician if in key stage 1 or work towards the Times Table Super Star awards if in key stage 2.
- Complete all home learning that is set by teachers.
- Return home learning tasks to school on the correct day.

Year group	Suggested home learning
Foundation Stage	Daily reading to your child Daily counting activities
Key Stage 1	Daily reading and accessing of Bug Club Daily maths activities towards the Maths Magician scheme Chosen home learning task once per week
Key Stage 2	Daily reading at home Regular Accelerated Reader quizzing in school for years 4, 5 & 6. Daily work towards Times Table Superstar scheme Chosen home learning task once per week
Year 6	Maths homework twice a week English homework twice a week Home learning task once a week Daily reading at home and regular Accelerated Reader quizzing in school Daily work towards Times Table Superstar scheme

We acknowledge that some parents would like more formal home learning activities for their children. We would recommend the CPG Books which provide targeted practice for certain skills and can be bought online.