



## Homework and Home Learning

Homework is non-statutory and there is no requirement to complete a set amount each week. Our minimum expectation is that all children should read regularly, ideally every day. In addition spelling and mental/oral maths practise is also important and homework for these two areas will also be set regularly from Year 1 onwards.

### Reading

At Summerlea we promote reading for enjoyment and pleasure. We want all children to love reading and be able to talk about books they have enjoyed and learned from. In all year groups, reading books are provided for each child and these are matched to the child's reading ability and/or interest (with children taking increasing responsibility for their own book choices as they mature).

We provide our children with home/school reading record books from EYFS up until the end of Year 3 and parents and carers are encouraged to write a comment inside and to sign these when they hear their child read or when they share a book together to help inform teacher assessment.



Reading and understanding a full range of text types and authors will not only bring pleasure but can also develop comprehension, spelling and writing skills. Encourage your child to share and talk about texts with you, visit your local library, hear them read, read to them and enjoy reading together.

### Spellings in Key Stage 1

3-5 high frequency words will be given out every week in a small yellow book. The children will practise these spellings in school and we ask that you also spend some time practising them at home too. We will test the children on all the words given out over a half-term at the end of that half-term. For information, the list of the 100 high frequency words that will be looked at over the year will be attached to the front of each child's spelling book.



### Spellings in Key Stage 2

Spellings will be set every two weeks and sent home in a small yellow book.

There will be 7 words from the pattern being taught and also 3 individual words that the children choose from a set list of errors in their own work.



### Maths in Key Stage 1 and 2

We encourage the practising of key mental maths skills and would like children to practise their number bonds, doubling and halving and times tables. More practise will lead to better retention! Your child has their own Mental Maths Passport. In your child's passport is a list of times tables as well as our 'Around The World' objective list. Please spend time practising times tables and your child's Around The World target at home. You can tick them if you think your child has achieved a times table or Around The World target. They will be regularly checked and assessed in class.



Our Homework and Home Learning Policy is available to view via our website at <http://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk> > School Information > Policies. You can also visit the Learning Zone on our website where you can access ideas and suggestions to support key areas of learning as well as links to other websites. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

## **EYFS Autumn Term 2 (2018) 6 things to try before half term...**

In addition, and in the same vein as the National Trust's '50 things to do before you are 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' we provide 6 suggested activities, linked to the year group topic, your child might like to have a go at during the course of a half term. The suggestions are simply that; ideas to get you and your child thinking about fun and creative ways into exploring learning themes.

<p><b>1. Winter ready!</b> Learn how to zip up your winter coat and put your gloves on independently. Can you show us how to do this in school?</p> 	<p><b>2. Have you told Father Christmas what you would like for Christmas this year?</b> Can you write a Christmas list for Father Christmas? Can you try and sound out the words independently? Have a go at finding the sounds you need on a sound mat.</p> 
<p><b>2. Handwriting</b> Can you show your grown ups at home how we write our cursive letters at Summerlea School?</p> <p>a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z</p>	<p><b>3. What is your most magical possession?</b> What is the most magical thing you own? Can you draw/take a picture of it and tell us why it is so magical? Your grown-ups may be able to scribe for you. It may be a toy/ person/ animal or any other object that is special to you!</p> 
<p><b>5. Share some magical stories</b> <i>Go to the library or your book box at home and find some magical tales. Spend time sharing these with a loved one. What made the story magical? Can you create a book review that we can display in our book corner at school?</i></p> 	<p><b>6. 3D shape presents</b> Help your family wrap up the Christmas presents (as long as they aren't for you!) Can you help to name the 3D shaped presents? Can you find a cube? A cuboid? A sphere? A cylinder? Anything else?</p> 

***If you think of any more topic related tasks to do feel free!  
We'd love to hear about, look at and learn from them.***