



## 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.

## Year 4 Spring Term 2 (2019) 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 ¾' 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.

### 1. Create your own deforestation poster!

The people of the rainforest are being affected by the devastating effects of deforestation. Create a poster which showcases your support for stopping this sad activity.



### 2. Write a rainforest diary!

Take on the role of tribesman from either the Yanomami, Huli or Pgymy tribes. Could you research their daily life before writing your own day-to-day diary entries? We would love to hear these performed to the class.



### 3. Build your own Rainforest habitat!

The rainforest is home to a plethora of wonderful species. Research your favourite animal and build a replica of their habitat. Think about the layers of the rainforest.

### 4. The Rainforest Oscars!

Are you an inspiring film director? Using Movie Maker create a short rainforest inspired clip. What would you need to consider? We would love to watch your clip in the classroom!



### 5. Create your own Rainforest game!

Would you like to be a game designer? Do you have what it takes to make an enjoyable, yet educational game? Using the rainforest as your inspiration, create a game which requires mathematical thinking to WOW the player. We look forward to seeing your designs and prototypes.



### 6. Create your own musical instrument!

The tropical rainforests are home to wonderful sounds. Research musical instruments native to South America. Next, bring your research to life. What would you need to consider? We would love to hear you playing it in front of the class!



**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.**