



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 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

5 words will be given out every week in a small yellow book. The spellings will be from the pattern that is being taught that week. 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 common exception words for your child's year group will also be attached to the front of their spelling book.



Spellings in Key Stage 2

10 words will be given out every week in a small yellow book (or planner in Year 6). The spellings will be from the pattern that is being taught that week. 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 common exception words for your child's year group will also be attached to the front of their spelling book.



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! All children will be set online maths homework each week, on MyMaths.co.uk. Regularly completing these online lessons and tasks will help your child consolidate learning and deepen their understanding of each area of maths. Please try to find time to explore this excellent resource with your child. Children will be sent home with login details and instructions. If your child is unable to access MyMaths at home, please inform your class teacher.



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 1 (2020) 6 things to try before half term...

1. Create your own instrument!

The people of the rainforest love to create their own music. Could you take on the role of the Yanomami tribe to create your own instrument inspired by the sounds of the wonderful rainforest?



2. Lights, Camera, Action!

Take on the role of an author, songwriter, actor or comic designer. Could you create your very own rainforest narrative based on Toki's wonderful Amazon adventure?



3. Build your own Rainforest shelter!



The rainforest is home to a plethora of wonderful tribes. Could you design and/or build your own rainforest shelter? We would love to showcase your creation in class!

4. The Rainforest Bake Off!

The food of the rainforest is overwhelming and exotic. Could you find a recipe which inspires you to create a rainforest inspired dish? Look at the culture of South America to help you.



5. Create your own set of Rainforest inspired top-trumps!

The rainforest is home to millions of different species. Could you become a researcher and artist to build your own deck of rainforest top-trumps? We would love to showcase them in the class and battle it out to see who King or Queen of the rainforest is.

6. A holiday of a life-time!

The tropical rainforests offer sheer beauty to those who visit. Could you use your mathematical skills to find out how much it would cost to visit the Amazon? What would you need to consider? Visit a travel company to find out.

**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.**