



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

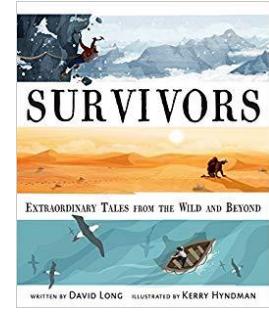
We encourage the practising of key mental maths skills and would like children to practise their number bonds, doubling and halving and times tables. More practise will lead to better retention! All children will be set online maths homework each week, on MyMaths.co.uk. Regularly completing these online 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 6 Spring Term 2 (2021) 6 things to try before Easter...

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.

<p>Carry out your own research about the Canadian wilderness</p> <p>You could investigate the weather, terrain or wildlife, and present your findings in any way you choose.</p> 	<p>Survival Guide!</p> <p>Write an informative guide, teaching the reader how to survive in the wilderness. You could consider food, fire, shelters and any skills you feel are important.</p> 
<p>Design a shelter</p> <p>There are many types of shelter. Have a go at designing your own. Think about what natural materials you will need. You could even make a miniature version!</p> 	<p>Invent a survival gadget</p> <p>The main character in Hatchet found himself in the wild with only a hatchet. Can you invent a gadget that would help him to survive?</p> 
<p>Finding Water!</p> <p>Water is the most essential need for anyone in a survival situation. There are many ways of gathering and cleaning water. Research the methods of collecting and filtering water in the wild.</p> 	<p>Find out about real survival stories</p> <p>There are some incredible true stories of survival. Research and read about survivors, and share what you find with the class.</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.