



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 this spelling pattern each week. 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

8 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 this spelling pattern each week. 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 Autumn Term 2 2021 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. What sounds can you hear?

There are so many interesting sounds in everyday life. For example, you could make a trip to the beach and document what sounds you can hear. Perhaps you could create your own sound poetry.



2. Create your own instrument

With a variety of different sounds around us, could you create your very own musical instrument? This would be fabulous to share with the class!



3. Create your own archaeological Anglo-Saxon artefact

There are amazing discoveries to be made when exploring the Anglo-Saxons. Could you become an archaeologist and create your own artefact? This could be a board game, replica house or anything else you think you may find. We would love to see a variety to showcase in our classrooms.



4. Create an Oscar winning iMovie

Could you step into the shoes of a film director and document how the sound collector collected the sounds and what he did with them all. Let your imagination go, we'd love to hear all about them!



5. Let's become a Master Chef!

Food choices during the Anglo-Saxon times would have looked totally different to now. Could you undertake some research and replicate a horrible history inspired meal by the Anglo-Saxons?

6. Create your own comic strip

Using our key text, Beowulf, can you innovate the story of Beowulf adventure to capture a Year 4 classroom audience? Use imagery to bring your story to life!

**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.**