



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 3 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.

<p>1. Star gazing <i>The darker evenings are here now that the clocks have changed. Take a look at the night sky. Can you find any constellations and learn their names? Maybe you could find a group of stars that remind you of a shape or object - try naming your own constellation!</i></p>		<p>2. Author research <i>Try to find out as much as you can about the author of The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson. Where was she born? What other books has she written? What else can you find out?</i></p>	
<p>3. Darkness discovery <i>Make a list of the darkest places in your home. What are they like? How does it feel to be there? Try to write down your feelings. Could you draw some pictures of the darkest places...? As an extra activity can you find out when the shortest day of the year is?</i></p>		<p>4. Glorious geography <i>The Magic Paintbrush is set in China. Can you find it on a map? What continent is China in? What other countries surround China?</i></p>	
<p>5. Fact finding <i>Try finding a non-fiction book about dark and light or shadows. Make a fact-file of all of the things that you find out. You can present this in any way you choose- photographs, a video, a poster... The choice is yours!</i></p>		<p>6. Food and festivals <i>As we move closer to December, we think a lot about the food that we eat for celebrations and festivals. Think about the food that you and your family will share at these times. What foods do you eat? Why are they special? You could even write a recipe or make a sample to share.</i></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.***