



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

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.



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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 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' 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. Amazing Animals

Choose a favourite animal, can you find out 3 facts about that animal that you didn't know before? Where do they normally live? What do they eat? Is there anything important about the way they look that helps them to survive?



2. Animal prints

In DT we will be looking at different animal prints. Can you find some to have a look at? Maybe you could take some pictures of some?



5. Food Diary

Using your knowledge of diary writing from last half term, can you write a 3-day food diary for what you have eaten and what exercise you have done? Try to include what effect this has had on your body.



2. Time

What can you remember about time from last half term? Could you try timing yourself to do an activity you are good at and see if you can improve your time over the half term? Maybe, as we did in PE, see how many star jumps you can do in a minute?



4. Letter writing

Can you write a letter to somebody with a focus on persuading them to do something? Try to remember all the features of letter and persuasive writing!



6. My Family

Interview an older member of your family and ask them to share their childhood memories with you. What are the similarities and differences with your 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.***