Homework and Home Learning – Year 2

Homework is not 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 (All year groups)

At Summerlea we promote reading for pleasure and enjoyment. We want all children to love reading and be able to talk about books they have enjoyed or learned from. We expose children to different types of books, styles and authors. 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. We ask parents to encourage their children to share and talk about texts with them, visit your local library, hear them read, read to them and enjoy the time you spend together sharing a love of books.

In Key Stage 2, children have access to Accelerated Reader. After an initial assessment, children will be suggested a book level to choose from that will allow them to develop their fluency and comprehension. Children will be encouraged to select and read a book, and as soon after finishing take a 'quiz' on their book that will check understanding and comprehension. Children are encouraged to 'quiz' in school, however children can access the quiz section outside of school times using their personal log on details and go through the Accelerated Reader link on our school website/ your child's Class Dojo page. Children are then able to work towards an individual target each half term.

Spellings (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.

Maths (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 multiplication 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.

Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1

As a school, we have invested in the 'Numbots', educational, online platform. We would encourage children to use these platforms little and often, with your support where necessary. Numbots is a robot-immersed game, with the aim of developing children's understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction. Children will be sent home with login details and instructions.

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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 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. 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. Time

How many star jumps you think you can do in a minute? How many hops? Can you think of a 1 minute challenge and time yourself to see how many you can complete?

2. Book Interview

Talk to someone in your family about their favourite childhood book. What did they love about it? What was their favourite part? Is it a book that you have read?

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!

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.

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.