



Home Learning Policy

Rationale

At Stanway Primary School we believe that Home Learning is important in supporting the learning that takes place in school, and that it should be purposeful, personalised and prepare children to become independent learners. We will provide differentiated and relevant tasks for home learning and will expect parents/guardians to support us with this, and contact us if there are any issues. Equally, we will contact parents/guardians if we feel there are issues with the completion of home learning.

Home learning menu

Each Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 class has their own home learning menu to support our creative curriculum. These are topic-based tasks that you can choose with your child to reflect their interests and the amount of time they have available. Menus are given out at the start of each term.

Home Learning in Reception

In Reception, the primary purpose of home learning is to allow parents/guardians to share in their child's learning experiences. These should be short tasks that take around 10 to 15 minutes.

A Little Wandle phonics homework sheet will be sent out weekly. The children will have been taught everything on the sheet so please work through this with your child a few times during the week to support their phonics journey. We also expect your child to read at home 5 times a week (the Little Wandle Book is the main reading book but they will also have a sharing book and lending library book to share with you at home).

Your child's learning journey continues at home, so please upload any learning (inside or outside) to Tapestry. Your child can then share their learning at home with the rest of the class. From time to time, we may also suggest activities the children could complete at home to support their learning; this will be communicated via Tapestry.

Home Learning in Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) homework should take approximately 20 minutes. The focus should be on reading with your child. Home learning should be a positive experience, whilst allowing pupils to consolidate key skills learnt in school.

Year 1

In Year 1, children will be expected to read at home at least 5 times a week, learn their weekly spellings and complete a spelling activity sheet reinforcing these spellings. The Little Wandle Book is the main reading book but they will also have a sharing book and lending library book to share with you at home. Children can then choose to complete a topic-based activity from the Home-Learning Menu if they choose- this part of the home learning is optional. They may also wish to practise their maths skills and a list of areas covered is available on the Year group long-term overview displayed on our website.

Year 2

Children will be expected to read the book that is sent home to match their ability level 5 times a week and to learn their weekly spellings. They will also be asked to practise their 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Children can then choose to complete a topic-based activity from the Home-Learning Menu if they choose- this part of the home learning is optional. Some children will be taking part in the Accelerated Reader Scheme - there are parental logins for this, so that children's progress can be tracked at home.

Home Learning in Key Stage Two

The primary purpose of home learning in Key Stage 2 should be to enhance and consolidate the curriculum delivered during school-time, and begin to develop and embed independent study skills in preparation for independent learning and practice at secondary level.

Years 3, 4 and 5

In Years 3, 4, and 5, we recommend that children read at home, monitored by an adult 5 times a week. They will also have weekly spellings. All children take part in the Accelerated Reader scheme, which parents can access at home. Children also have logins to Times-table Rockstars which they are encouraged to access regularly at home.

Year 3 & 4

- In addition to their reading, spellings and tables home learning, children will be asked to spend up to **20 minutes** completing a Literacy or Maths task.
- Children will also have a Home Learning Menu with tasks on it related to the wider curriculum. Completion of these tasks will be optional.

Year 5

- In addition to their reading, spellings and tables home learning, children will be asked to spend up to **30 minutes** completing a Literacy task and **30 minutes** completing a Maths task.
- Children will also have a Home Learning Menu with tasks on it related to the wider curriculum. Completion of these tasks will be optional.

Year 6

- In addition to their reading, spellings and tables home learning, children will be asked to spend up to **40 minutes** completing a Literacy task and **40 minutes** completing a Maths task.
- Children will also have a Home Learning Menu with tasks on it related to the wider curriculum. Completion of these tasks will be optional.

We offer opportunities for children to receive support in school with the completion of Home Learning tasks.

Because we want the children to take responsibility for their learning, we expect home learning tasks to be handed in on time with a good level of presentation. Teacher feedback on home learning may be verbal. Home Learning will always be acknowledged and celebrated in accordance with the Behaviour for Learning policy.

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