



Home Learning Policy

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1. Introduction

At Westfields Infant School and Westfields Junior School, we believe that home learning supports the practise of skills learnt and extends and consolidates the learning covered within the classroom while supporting children to develop self-discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

2. Aims

- To create a firm partnership between parents and teachers in relation to children's learning.
- To practise and consolidate basic skills and knowledge, reinforce and extend work covered in class or investigate applications or examples in the 'real world'.
- To encourage children to develop perseverance, initiative and self-discipline through independent study.
- To learn study skills and improve personal organisation, time management and presentation skills.
- To help children recognise the link between good study habits and higher standards of achievement.
- To allow parents to take an active part in their child's education.
- To prepare children for secondary education.

3. Frequency of Home Learning - Please see Appendix 1

- Please note that when there are additional pressures on the timetable e.g. production, residential trips and major school events, there may be a variation to the information detailed in Appendix 1. This will be communicated to the children and parents.
- If it is felt that a child would benefit from a different pattern of home learning than outlined, we will contact parents to discuss this.
- Home learning is part of the children's learning journey in school. When it is received, it may be added into books or folders after the teacher has given individuals or groups of children verbal feedback or after the children have reviewed their home learning and received whole class feedback.

4. Topic Home Learning

During the academic year and from Year 1 onwards, there will be tasks set that are linked to the topics taught in class. These activities would be in addition to key tasks set each week however, in Years 5 and 6, topic home learning would replace the English and Maths tasks set. When set, children will receive a clear task or activity page with a range of creative tasks to choose from. They will then be able to complete these at home and bring them in to share and be celebrated.

5. How Parents Can Help

We ask for parents' support in seeing that home learning is done conscientiously and in the best possible conditions. Whilst time and frequency expectations are set in Appendix 1, if a child is struggling, we ask that parents stop the task and let their child's class teacher know so that extra support can be given. Below are helpful reminders of how parents can support home learning:

- Avoiding battles over home learning by establishing routines is key.
- Providing the necessary equipment (pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler etc) and a quiet room, ideally with a suitable working surface will help children with their home learning.
- Setting aside time for home learning, which is respected by the rest of the family, with disturbances kept to a minimum, will allow the children space and peace in which to focus and produce their best.
- Encouraging children and building their confidence through positive praise when they have done something well will give them a boost and motivation.
- Offering to test skills which have to be learned or practised can help children in their understanding.
- Encouraging children not to rush their work; avoiding the Sunday night / last minute syndrome will ensure what is produced is of the expected standard.
- Avoiding letting children give in home learning which is of poor quality or poorly presented will ensure that the work can be reviewed and if appropriate, added to class books.
- Ensuring children write in pencil (and pen if children are in Years 5 and 6 but not for maths) will help the presentation of the activities set.

6. How home learning will be set

At Westfields Infant School, any key tasks or home learning tasks will be clearly communicated to parents via ClassDojo.

At Westfields Junior School, any key tasks or home learning tasks will also be clearly communicated via ClassDojo. In Years 5 and 6, teachers will plan and set English and Maths tasks (which may include MyMaths). In these two year groups, on a Thursday afternoon, teachers will discuss the tasks with the class so that children are clear as to what they need to do. Instructions and resources will be set and displayed on ClassDojo with the submission day set for the following Tuesday. If paper copies are required by children, teachers will ensure these are made available.

Home Learning at the Westfields Federation

	Phonics/Reading	Spelling	Maths	Tasks set
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Little Wandle information sheet sent home with ideas to support children Little Wandle Sound Flash cards sent home to practise 3 x weekly reading with an adult Key words to practise reading from the Spring Term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key words to practise spelling from the summer term 		
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Little Wandle information sheet sent home with ideas to support children Little Wandle Sound Flash cards sent home to practise 3 x weekly reading with an adult Key words to practise reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortnightly key words to practise spelling 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half termly creative tasks set linked to topics taught
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x weekly reading with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortnightly key words to practise spelling 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two half termly creative tasks set linked to topics taught In the last half term, project home learning set (minimum of 2 tasks to complete)
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x weekly reading, 2 x with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly differentiated spellings to practise (3 x Spelling Shed games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbots/TTRockStars Weekly 20 games = 20 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the last half term, project home learning set (minimum of 3 tasks to complete)
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x weekly reading, 2 x with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly differentiated spellings to practise (3 x Spelling Shed games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTRockStars Weekly 20 games = 20 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the last half term, project home learning set (minimum of 3 tasks to complete)
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x weekly reading, 2 x with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly differentiated spellings to practise (3 x Spelling Shed games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTRockStars - as set by the class teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 grammar or MyMaths task set weekly In the last half term, project home learning set (minimum of 4 tasks to complete)
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x weekly reading, 2 x with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly differentiated spellings to practise (3 x Spelling Shed games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTRockStars - as set by the class teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 grammar and 1 MyMaths task set weekly, replaced by revision in the weeks leading up to SATs. In the last half term, project home learning set (minimum of 4 tasks to complete)