

Home Learning Policy - January 2017

What is the purpose of homework?

- To consolidate, reinforce and extend skills.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to work together.
- To allow parents to gain an understanding of what children are learning in school.
- To allow children to progress towards becoming more independent learners.

Home learning at Courthouse Green

Home learning at Courthouse Green will consist of:

- 1) Daily reading practice
- 2) Weekly spellings (Year 1-6)
- 3) Half termly maths tasks to consolidate key skills (Year 1-6)
- 4) Optional theme based learning project

Daily reading practice (10-15 minutes)

Children will choose a colour banded reading book appropriate to their reading ability that they can change when they have finished it. Children are expected to read their book 5 times a week and are to write a comment in their reading diary each time they have read. At least one comment a week should be written by a parent/ carer after they have heard their child read. Reading books and diaries must be handed in on a Wednesday, teachers will add a comment about the children's reading progress in school or in response to the comments in the diary and return the reading book and diary to the child by Friday. Children will also have regular access to the school library, where they are free to choose a book of their choice.

Weekly spellings

In years 1-6, every Friday children will be given 5 spellings to practise in preparation for a spelling test the following week. The spellings will be linked to the phonics scheme or spelling programme they are working on in class. Parents should help children practise over the weekend and sign the spelling log when their child is able to spell each word correctly.

Consolidation of Maths Skills

In Years 1-6, at the start of each half term teachers will give an overview of key maths skills, number bonds or times tables, to practise over the half term. Teachers will provide games, resources or website links for children to practise these skills with parents at home.

Theme based learning

At the start of each half term, children will be given an optional theme based project. This project will give parents and children the opportunity to work together developing independent research and help develop children's knowledge to support their learning in class. Any completed projects will be shared in class at the end of each term.

At Courthouse Green primary we expect all children to complete reading, spelling and maths homework every week.

Reward

A Home learner award will be presented at the end of each term to children who have shown an enthusiasm and commitment to completing high quality home learning tasks.

Expectations

We expect children to complete their homework to the same high standard we expect of their work in school. Teachers will speak to children and parents if they feel the quality and presentation of homework is not as expected. If children are not completing homework on a regular basis class teachers will meet with parents/ carers to discuss this. Parents/ carers should discuss any concerns they have with the class teacher.