

WPA Home Learning Policy

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At Wadebridge Primary Academy we believe that home learning is an important part of the learning process. The home learning tasks your child will be set are designed to:

- Support and consolidate learning that has taken place in lessons
- Involve parents and other family members in their child's learning
- Develop independent learning skills from an early age so that children are prepared for the next stage in their education

Reading

Throughout the school, we emphasise developing a love of reading and books. From Reception to Year 6, reading books should be taken home daily. All children should have a Phase book, a colour banded book or a 'Free Reader' book from the classrooms. We encourage parents to read and discuss literature with their children and believe that reading should be a shared experience where possible. We are happy for children to read their allocated reading book or any other reading material and then note what they have read in their own reading record. Children who read regularly will be given a Golden Ticket which will mean they are in with a chance to win some fabulous new book prizes.



Spelling (Years 2 -6)

Children will be given a list of spelling words each week which they will be tested on. It is important that children are encouraged to practise words that they don't know in creative ways. Support with creative ideas for learning spellings can be found on our website. Children will also be given time to practise their spellings during school time.



Times Tables (Years 2-6)

Learning times tables is really important. After all, they're the building blocks of maths, and with their multiplications mastered, they can do anything! Therefore, each child has a log in for 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. This is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice online which helps your child learn their tables in a fun and engaging way. Please encourage your child to log on as often as possible.

Topic choosing grid (Years 1-6)

This homework is optional. The children will be given a grid containing a range of topic-based activities for them to choose from. These activities may be recorded in a variety of ways, including photos or films that can be emailed to the class teacher. Topic homework will be shared and celebrated in class.

In addition to the above, the following homework will be set:

Nursery:

Nursery staff may set 'Learning Together' tasks to complete at home, as and when is appropriate for the children

Reception:

'Learning Together' sheets with activities to complete at home will be sent home regularly

Year 1

Phonics books – a book that contains sounds that children have been learning in school, along with weekly phonics activities to match
Maths worksheet every fortnight

Years 2 - 4

Punctuation and Grammar (PAG) worksheet every fortnight
Maths worksheet every fortnight (alternating with the Punctuation and Grammar sheet)

Years 5 and 6

Punctuation and Grammar worksheet weekly
Maths worksheet weekly

Homework should be reflective of the ability of the individual child. For this reason, it is important that teaching staff ensure there is appropriate differentiation of tasks. Therefore, at times children may receive individualised work to suit their learning needs.

Homework will be acknowledged and celebrated in school e.g. through rewards and sharing sessions.

Reception and KS1: Each set homework should take up to a maximum of 20 minutes (please do not take longer!)

Key stage 2: Each set homework should take up to a maximum of 30 minutes (please do not take longer!)