

# Temple Meadow Primary School



## Home Learning Policy

*Safeguarding Policy Statement-*

*This policy is part of the wider umbrella of Keeping Children Safe in Education - and Temple Meadow's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.*

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## **Our Approach to Home Learning at Temple Meadow Primary School**

Here at Temple Meadow Primary, our home learning approach is designed to support children and families. Our goal is to make home learning a positive and manageable experience for everyone.

### **Why is Home Learning Important?**

Home learning is a vital link between school and home. It provides children with an opportunity to consolidate and apply what they have learned in the classroom, helping to embed new knowledge and skills. It also encourages children to become independent, resilient learners who take responsibility for their own education. Most importantly, home learning allows families to share in the learning journey and celebrate their child's progress, strengthening the partnership between home and school.

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### **Reading: Fostering a Love for Books**

We encourage every child to read as much as possible at home. For our youngest readers, a strong foundation in phonics is key, so their phonics books are especially important. Once your child becomes a confident reader, we encourage them to read anything and everything that sparks their interest, whether it's a book, a comic, a magazine, or an online article.

We know that life gets busy, so we aren't setting a specific time for how long your child should read each day. We simply ask you to find opportunities to read together whenever you can. Even five minutes of reading a recipe or a favourite magazine can make a big difference!

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### **Writing: Unleash Their Creativity**

Each fortnight, children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be given the same image as a creative prompt. This allows them to choose their own writing style and genre, from a short story to a poem, giving them the freedom to express their ideas. If you have more than one child, they may enjoy brainstorming and writing together.

We enjoy reading what they create! We love sharing some of our favourite writing pieces on our Family Connect and social media pages to celebrate the amazing work happening across the school.

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### **Spelling: Building Strong Foundations**

Every two weeks, your child will bring home a spelling list (for Year 1, this will include phonics and spelling). This is the same list they'll practise in school. We will have a weekly spelling test to track their progress, and we'll celebrate each child for improving their own personal score. This approach focuses on personal growth and helps them feel proud of their development.

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### **Maths: Times Tables Rockstars and Application**

All children in Years 1-6 have access to Times Tables Rockstars, which is a fantastic resource for practicing multiplication facts. Having a strong understanding of multiplication is crucial for so many areas of Maths. Regular practice with this tool will help your child build confidence and fluency, which will have a positive impact on their overall maths skills.

Fortnightly, a specific Maths activity will be set that links to what your child is currently learning or has recently learned in class. This helps them consolidate and apply their skills in a different context.

Throughout the year, we will also recommend other fun online Maths games and resources to keep learning exciting.

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### **Wider Curriculum: Whole-School Projects**

A few times a year, we will launch whole-school learning projects linked to special events or themes, such as British Science Week. These projects are a chance for children to get creative and showcase their talents. We encourage families to get involved and support these activities to make learning a fun, collaborative experience for everyone.

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## **Year 6 Home Learning**

For our Year 6 children, home learning will continue to focus on their revision guides. The only change is the addition of the new fortnightly spelling list. Year 6 children and their families are also welcome to participate in the weekly writing opportunity and wider curriculum projects if they wish.

### **Early Years Home Learning**

#### **Nursery:**

Each week, a Wellcomm activity (focusing on Communication and Language development) will be added to Tapestry, alongside a Phonics activity. These activities are designed to build key foundational skills in our youngest children. As children progress, we will also begin to introduce name writing practice to support the development of their fine motor and early writing skills.

#### **Reception:**

In Reception, each week children will receive a Kinetic Letters letter formation sheet to complete, as well as a Phonics and Maths activity, both of which will be added to Tapestry. These activities are carefully designed to consolidate and reinforce the learning that has taken place during the week, supporting children's ongoing development in these key areas.