

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.

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!

Phonics and Spelling: Building Strong Foundations

Each week, your child will bring home either a phonics or spelling activity, depending on their age and stage of reading development. This activity is designed to reinforce and consolidate the phonemes (sounds), graphemes (written representations of sounds) or spelling rules they have been learning in school that week. Regular completion of these activities helps children to develop confidence, fluency and accuracy in their reading and spelling skills.

Handwriting: Kinetic Letters

For some children, particularly in Early Years and Year 1, a handwriting letter formation practice sheet will be sent home each week to support children with mastering the correct letter formation. This is important to enable them to develop automaticity and fluency when writing.

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.

In addition, 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.

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.

Year 6 Home Learning

For our Year 6 children, home learning will continue to focus on their revision guides. In addition, children will have access to Dreambox Maths and Dreambox Reading, two online platforms that act like a personal tutor to support them with closing gaps in their learning and help prepare them for their KS2 SATs.

Early Years Home Learning

Reception:

Each Friday, Reception children will take home a phonics reading book that they have read three times during the week at school, giving them the opportunity to practise and showcase their reading skills at home. They will also receive a picture book to enjoy and share with their family.

In addition, children will be sent home with a phonics sheet outlining the learning covered that week, helping to reinforce and consolidate their phonics knowledge. At the beginning of each half term, children will receive a set of maths challenges linked to their current learning, which can be completed weekly to further develop their mathematical understanding.

From time to time, additional home learning activities may also be sent home linked to the children's current topic or interests being explored in class. These activities provide opportunities for children to extend their learning through practical, creative, and enjoyable experiences at home.

All home learning activities are designed to support and strengthen the learning taking place in school, helping children to build confidence and make continued progress.

Nursery:

Each week, children will be sent home a nursery rhyme that they have been learning at school, giving them the opportunity to sing and practise it with their families. They will also receive a phonics activity linked to the sound they have been learning that week to help reinforce their early phonics skills.

In addition, a WellComm activity is provided to support the development of children's communication and language skills. These activities are designed to encourage speaking, listening, understanding, and vocabulary development through fun and engaging experiences that can be enjoyed at home. As children progress through Nursery, opportunities to practise name writing may also be sent home to support the development of fine motor skills and early writing.