



William Morris Primary

Home Learning Policy

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CURRICULUM INTENT

1. Our curriculum is creative, teaching both skills and knowledge and allows for children to explore in different ways – using hands on learning and interesting stimuli.
2. We believe in inspiring teaching that engages pupils' interests and stimulates a love of learning.
3. Our curriculum is centred around all children being encouraged to try new experiences.
4. Our Life skills curriculum has been developed with our community and will ensure children are taught personal development to become all rounded citizens.
5. Our curriculum enhances children's thinking and communication skills.
6. We believe reading is the passport to learning.

Home Learning:

- At William Morris Primary School teaching staff recognise that pupils who have spent a busy day at school need time to relax and unwind at the end of the afternoon and have an opportunity to play.
- We are also mindful of the need to encourage children to pursue out-of-school activities.
- We believe that homework activities should be positive and not promote conflict.
- We believe reading is the passport to learning and therefore reading is a key focus for home learning at William Morris.
- Our Home Learning Policy is designed to encourage pupils, as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own, and to prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.

William Morris Home Learning Expectations:

Nursery

No home learning

Liaison with parents using ILD to share 'wow' moments in learning at school & at home

Reception

YR reading x5 a week Little Wandle

Little Wandle phonics sounds sheets sent home weekly

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Year 1

Reading x5 a week Little Wandle
Little Wandle phonics sounds sheets sent home weekly
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Year 2

Reading x5 a week
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Year 3

Reading x5 a week
Maths online times tables rockstars game
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Year 4

Reading x 5 a week
Maths online times tables rockstars game
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Year 5

Reading x5 a week
Weekly Maths/SPAG home learning
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Year 6

Reading x5 a week
Weekly Maths/SPAG home learning
Weekly topic home learning
Maths knowledge organisers on website
Topic knowledge organisers on website

Reading daily is a recommendation of 10-15 minutes – this can include talking about the book and discussing what your child has read.

Reading for pleasure book – all children take home weekly from Year R to Y6. This is to encourage children to enjoy reading and share a book with a grown up, which may be above their normal reading level.

Upper KS2

- The nature of homework will change as children get older.
- As part of our Life Skills curriculum, children in Year 5 & 6 will be given ownership of their home learning to support learning & personal organisation and independence.
- School will provide a home learning diary and will support children to record their home learning and hand in date.
- A voluntary homework club will be offered to children at lunchtime. Teachers will encourage children to attend if they are not managing to complete home learning at home.

Special Educational Needs

Homework will be achievable for all children. This could mean that, where necessary, tasks are adapted to take into account the strengths and needs of children with SEND.

Little Wandle reading scheme tailors books to the child's reading ability. Times Tables Rockstars allows children to progress at their own rate.

When setting home learning, Teachers will be mindful of a clear focus and time-guidance and give plenty of opportunity for children to succeed.

Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers have a key role to play in supporting their children's learning and development.

With younger children, we ask that parents support children to access the Little Wandle scheme and to read at least 5 times a week with their child.

The nature of this support will change as children get older. In KS2 we ask parents to encourage children to become more independent and complete their own home learning.

Learning information shared with Parents and Carers:

- **Little Wandle weekly sheets YR & Y1** – so parents can support children to consolidate weekly phonics learning
- **Maths termly knowledge organisers** on website which give examples of mathematical techniques and concepts covered each term
- **Topic knowledge organisers** on website termly which give information on learning taught in each topic. Parents are welcome to use these to support their child with developing & expanding their topic knowledge.
- **'Meet the Teacher'** at the beginning of the year – topics, life skills and end of year expectations shared with parents.

We ask parents to provide a calm, suitable place in which pupils can do their homework – alone or more often for younger children together with adult support. Your encouragement and praise is the key to success.

Parents should speak to their child's class teacher for support if home learning is becoming a source of conflict.

Other childhood activities

At William Morris, our Life Skills Curriculum is based around developing the whole child. Therefore we are keen that children partake in other childhood activities and spend time with their families. We do not believe that homework should get in the way of children's participation in other enriching activities such as sports, hobbies and visits. As far as possible, we will work with parents and carers to ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate in such activities.

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