

Wilton and Barford Primary School



Home Learning Policy

Why set Home Learning?

Home Learning supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents with an opportunity to take part in their children's education." [Source: Teachernet]

At Wilton and Barford we believe that **Home Learning is important** because it:

- ☉ Involves parents in the learning process
- ☉ Enables children to apply their knowledge and skills beyond school
- ☉ Promotes interaction where by the child's learning can be discussed, reinforced and expanded
- ☉ Promotes teamwork between parents, children and teachers
- ☉ Promotes independence

In setting home learning we aim for all learners to:

- ☉ Develop their enthusiasm for learning
- ☉ Develop their independence
- ☉ Apply their skills for learning
- ☉ Raise their attainment and achievement
- ☉ Know their rights and fulfil their responsibilities

What sort of home learning activities will be set?

All home learning activities should be related to the learning children are doing at school. However it may not always be written work.

Daily - Reading with parents or carers, spelling and "Eggs on Legs" practice

Weekly - Maths learning games

Termly (3x per year): Home Learning Project

All children are given a home learning project related to the Linked Learning Theme that children are studying in school. This could include preparing a presentation to the class, finding out information, making something, trying out a simple scientific experiment or even cooking!

All parents will receive copies of their child's targets how they can help them to achieve them at home.

During the holidays we would like all children to continue reading daily. It doesn't have to be a school book! If a child wants extra learning in the holidays then they can consolidate spellings and number facts from the term.

Rewards

- ☉ A merit will be awarded for reading 5x per week
- ☉ Raffle ticket for getting 8/10 spellings correct or improving on previous weeks
- ☉ A merit will be awarded for completing any extra home learning set by teacher
- ☉ A prize will be awarded for the winner of KS1 and KS2 project
- ☉ A merit will be awarded for completing maths games
- ☉ Any additional homework set that is completed will also earn 1 merit.

Extra support

- ✚ Children who do not read at home will have the opportunity to stay in one lunchtime/playtime to read to a member of staff
- ✚ Spelling intervention groups will take place daily for children who have had difficulties learning their spellings.
- ✚ For children who find it difficult to complete home learning at home a Home Learning Club will be run by an adult once a week

What will teachers do?

- ✚ Set home learning as per the home learning timetable attached
- ✚ Advise parents about how they can support their children to reach their curricular targets
- ✚ Read and respond to comments in the child's home/school reading record
- ✚ Teachers will monitor children's responses to home learning generally and will comment on the children's attitudes and responses to it in their annual report.

What should parents do?

If you do nothing else.....

- ✚ Share a book with your child every day!
- ✚ Read your child a bedtime story
- ✚ Visit the school or local library
- ✚ Talk to your child about their learning
- ✚ Support your child to learn their spellings and number facts
- ✚ Encourage older siblings to support brothers/sisters with their home learning
- ✚ Sign your child's reading record and home learning book to show that they have completed the tasks set.

What else can parents do?

- ✚ Visit places of interest to enrich your child's current learning experience
- ✚ Encourage your child to be a global citizen by watching the news or news round and discussing current issues
- ✚ Play board games to develop turn taking, resilience (they don't always have to win!) as well as a range of learning skills.
- ✚ Help your child organise their home learning particularly if there is a deadline. A post-it on the fridge can work wonders and reminders of 'what needs to be achieved by when' on the family organiser are equally helpful.

What should learners do?

- ✚ Remember your responsibilities by completing your home learning - reading, spellings, number facts and project.
- ✚ Get a parent to sign your reading record, maths books and home learning book. If your parent doesn't sign your books then please speak to your teacher who will arrange that you are allowed to do this if your home learning has been completed.
- ✚ Take pride in your home learning
- ✚ Have a go!

What will the leadership team do?

- ✚ Review this policy in consultation with learners, teachers, parents and governors
- ✚ Monitor the implementation of this policy annually
- ✚ Respond to any concerns regarding Home Learning

Home Learning Expectations

	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FS	<p>Reading and sharing a book - 10 minutes each day Key words - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Home Learning Project - A project will be set 3x per year and can be worked on weekly Number games, counting - - 5 minutes each day</p>
Year 1	<p>Reading - 10 minutes each day Spellings - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 10 minutes a week working on projects.</p>
Year 2	<p>Reading - 10 minutes each day Spellings - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 10 minutes a week working on projects.</p>
Year 3	<p>Reading - 10 minutes each day Spelling - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 15 minutes a week working on projects.</p>
Year 4	<p>Reading - 10 minutes each day Spelling - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 15 minutes a week working on projects.</p>
Year 5	<p>Reading - a minimum of 10 minutes each day Spelling - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Literacy or numeracy -at teacher's discretion to support class learning (approximately 20 minutes a week) Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 15 minutes a week working on projects.</p>
Year 6	<p>Reading - a minimum of 10 minutes each day Spelling - 5 minutes each day plus weekly activity Number - 5 minutes each day plus weekly game Literacy or numeracy -at teacher's discretion to support class learning (approximately 20 minutes a week) Home Learning Projects are set 3 per year. Please spend approximately 15 minutes a week working on projects.</p>

At times children may get extra Home learning e.g. preparation for Big Writes, revision for tests, flash cards for tricky words and sometimes to complete learning from school.