

Mount Pleasant Primary School



Homework Guidance



This poster provides information for parents about homework expectations for children in our school. The staff have identified these activities as being the most effective and minimum required to ensure your child continues to flourish in Mount Pleasant Primary School.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this poster or want support in knowing how best to help your child please talk to your child's teacher.

Reading

Reading allows everyone to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. This is why it is important to encourage your children to read at home.



As a school, we use the accelerated reader scheme and computer software to help our pupils develop their love of and progress in reading. At the start of each term, your child will complete a reading quiz, which gives them a book level. They then select a book from this level to take home and read. Once completed the take a quiz on the text and if they do well on three books in that level they move up a level. We ask that the children are heard read three times at home to develop their fluency and also to gain a good understanding of the content of the text ready for their quiz. Each child has a reading diary for you to record your reading with them; teachers will also record when they have read with your child in school.

Spelling

Sharpening spelling skills at an early age sets the foundation for success in many areas of life.

Learning spellings will improve communication skills, it helps with reading and develops writing, boosts concentration and also helps to give sense to what we read.



Each class sends home spellings – taken from the government's spelling bank – and an activity on a Friday to learn at home ready for a test the following Friday. During the week pupils, will also be taught strategies for their spellings.

Some others ways you could help them practice their tables are:

- do your own mini-tests at home
- ask your child to find their words in books at home
- ask them to write sentences with the words in
- use spelling games on the internet
- spelling the word on your child's back using your finger and ask them work out the word

Multiplication Tables

As a school, we believe that multiplication facts are one of the most important pieces of knowledge a child can possess. Research has shown that pupils who can rapidly and fluently recall their multiplication table facts make much better progress in maths.

Each week your child will be given one of tables to learn and an activity to apply these facts to. At the end of week, they will be tested on this table and if they can recall it rapidly and fluently they will move onto the next multiplication table.

In our awards assemblies on Friday, children will receive a certificate for passing that table. Pupils will be rewarded with dojo points for completing the tables activity they were given.

Some others ways you could help them practice their tables are:

- asking them to recite them
- asking them questions from their table in order
- asking them questions from their table in a random order
- writing them down with mistakes to see if they can spot what is wrong and why



Homework Expectations	
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week once they start getting books. • Four sounds to learn a week. They will get sound cards and as they build up knowledge will be able to use the sound cards to spell and read simple words.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week • One piece of phonic work linked to the graphemes learnt that week • One piece of maths work linked to maths they have learnt that week • After Christmas, five spellings a week to learn
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week with a signed planner • Multiplication table activity • Ten spellings to learn • As the year progresses there may be additional homework related to the SATs.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week with a signed planner • Multiplication table activity • Ten spellings to learn
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week with a signed planner • Multiplication table activity • Ten spellings to learn
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week with a signed planner • Multiplication table activity • Twenty spellings to learn
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three times a week with a signed planner • Multiplication table activity • Twenty spellings to learn • As the year progresses there may be additional homework related to the SATs.