

Home learning at Willow Primary School

Home learning is an important part of our children's education.

Research tells us that children who complete regular homework are usually more successful in their school life as it supports the development of lifelong learning skills and it promotes engagement in the curriculum. Parents and family members can have a positive impact by helping children to develop effective learning habits.

Activities such as Clubs, Scouts, Sports, Dance & Drama all develop important skills and they promote positive mental and physical health. This is why we encourage our children to take part in after school clubs during weekends and evenings as well as the clubs offered by Willow Primary School.

We believe that our children should be allowed the freedom to engage in lots of activities out of school as these activities support their learning in school so the amount of homework we expect allows for family and social time.

Teachers acknowledge and celebrate pupils' engagement in their home learning through class discussions and may not provide specific feedback or comments to parents.

Expectations in Reading

All
children

All children are expected to **read at home at least 5 times per week and record this on 'We Read'**.



They can read anything, such as their school book, a book from home or the local library.

We encourage children to read books from our **Reading Passports** too.

Other Home Learning

All
children

Our children love to show how engaged they are in their learning so we provide a range of activities for them to complete linked to their current curriculum.



Tasks might develop research skills or support their creativity and can be completed online or offline.

We publish these on **Seesaw (Tapestry for children in Reception)**.

Expectations in Maths

We provide children with opportunities to practise maths through repetition, by providing links and activities on **Seesaw** which reinforce what has been taught in class.



Repetition of times tables helps with recall and confidence in many areas of maths so, **all children in Years 3 – 6 should use Times Tables Rock Stars at least three times a week. Year 2** will start to use this in Summer Term.

In **Reception**, maths home learning is set via **Ten Town and Tapestry**.

In **Years 5&6**, teachers may set maths challenges through **Maths Shed**.



Life Skills: Learning for Life

All
children

The Learning for Life record of achievement celebrates your child's progress in developing important life skills at home and at school.



The skills are linked to self-care, environmental awareness, cooking & nutrition, understanding money and their own personal development.

Every time they complete a challenge, upload the evidence of it into **Seesaw**. They can share a photo, video or any other evidence that they have developed each life skill.

We use **Tapestry** to set most of our home learning for children in **Reception**.

