

# HOME LEARNING GUIDE

## WILLOW CLASS



### Prioritising Time

Home learning is anything that children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning. It encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning. Play and free time also have an important role in a child's growth and development.

While 'homework' is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs or organisations that play undoubtedly help with social and emotional development. Children spend more time at home than at school, and we believe they develop their skills, interests and talents to the full when parents encourage them to make maximum use of the experiences and opportunities that are available outside of school.



### Reading

As they get older, children do not read aloud to adults as often as they used to at school so it is vitally important that they do this at home. Reading to *and* listening to parents is essential and should not stop just because children 'can read'. Children and parents should discuss the meaning of their stories and texts too.



### Maths

A maths-rich home environment is the best way to help your child use and apply learned facts and tables. This can include board games, scales and measure in cooking, counting money, card games and learning to tell the time. Alongside this, regular practise of tables up to 12x12 and quick recall of addition and subtraction is ideal.

### Homework

In Willow Class, homework comes in four formats: learning log, blog comment, spellings and guided reading. Most homework is set on Friday and due on the following Wednesday but you will be told if this is not the case. Meeting deadlines is important for many reasons but most importantly, because we often use homework in our lessons.

### Technology

There are numerous apps and websites that children can use independently to supplement their learning at home. We subscribe to the maths platform Lumio and highly recommend Squeebles for maths and spelling. We recommend reading reviews before downloading—always check for in app purchases!

