



Hemingford Grey

SCHOOL

HOME LEARNING GUIDANCE

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At Hemingford Grey Primary School we aim to inspire learning by providing a wide variety of challenges and tasks across the curriculum. Learning will be seamless through pre-learning and reviewing learning both at home and at school. Opportunities for learning will be open ended so that all children can access and complete them. Home learning will be monitored and celebrated in school.

Key Stage One and Two will have termly projects linked to their theme. This will be set in the form of a Big Question which relates to the learning that is taking place in class. The project will have a number of suggested responses to encourage children to be as creative as possible and to support them in creating a high quality piece of work.

Children will have a window in which to complete the project which spans either side of half term. Once the project has been returned, children will share it with their class.

Home Learning

We have reviewed and taken on board feedback about home work. It's a complete mix of opinions about set traditional homework tasks from school – like marmite, some love it, some hate it! We are rephrasing 'homework' to 'home learning' because it values all the learning you do at home in addition to the set tasks from school. Children learn all the time and parents and carers are teaching social skills, life skills and constantly discussing life events and experiences. Taking part in clubs, sports, music, family traditions, community groups all offer a richer experience to children's learning about the world they live in.

Reading is a big school priority at the moment. We want to support the learning at home by sharing learning from school and setting some non-negotiables. Moving forward, we will expect children in all year groups from Reception to Year 6 to read on a regular basis. In addition from Y2, we expect children to practise spelling rules which will be shared on See-Saw weekly. This will give you a chance to practise words which have that spelling rule in them at home. Testing will not take place, but the spellings will link to daily tasks within the classroom.

Times Tables Rockstars is another non-negotiable from Year 2 with the expectation of at least three short sessions a week. Passwords are the same as last year but if you are having trouble, please let the class teacher know.

Maths strategies that are being currently taught will be shared by teachers on See-saw when appropriate. Our aim is that parents and carers who wish to do additional work at home know what their children are learning and how we are teaching it. Practical examples in the home are the best learning opportunities when cooking, shopping and even when building furniture! Examples to apply the strategies that we are teaching them in school. Additional maths tasks will be sent home in Y5/6 in preparation for secondary school years.

Termly projects linked to the theme will continue across KS1 and KS2.