



# Springfield Primary School



## School Policy

### Home Learning

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### **Home 'work' or Home 'learning'?**

Learning at Springfield is fun! Our home learning is intended to develop our pupils' excitement and passion for their learning and to help parents support their children at home, so it becomes more than just 'work'.

### **Home Learning Grids**

Home learning grids are uploaded to the school website and emailed out to parents at the beginning of each half term. Paper copies are kept in the foyer outside the office for families that require them.

Home learning tasks are laid out in a grid format and consist of range of English, maths and non-core curriculum activities linked to the topic being focussed on in school. The tasks cover all areas of the curriculum and are planned to enhance the children's learning on their half termly topic. These activities are divided in to 'compulsory' and 'non-compulsory' on the homework grid. Teachers ensure pupils understand that the compulsory activities should take priority. We encourage our pupils to strive to complete a minimum of one piece of homework each week.

### **Home Learning Tracker Cards**

Each child has a Home Learning Tracker Card and they earn stars on their cards for submitting evidence of home learning. Children will earn a blue star on their 'Home Learning Tracker Card' for each piece of satisfactory home learning completed (gold stars are to be awarded for exceptional effort/achievement). We believe in recognising the effort and achievement of our pupils, so we regularly provide incentives and rewards for those completing their home learning tracker cards.

We recognise that all of our pupils have differing home contexts, which could impact the opportunities and support they have for home learning. To support the achievement of all, a home learning lunchtime club is provided during the last two weeks of each half term for any children that wish to complete additional homework in order to gain the required number of stars.

Spellings from the homework grid are tested at the end of each half term and the scores are to be recorded on the children's 'Home Learning Tracker Cards'.

### **Reading**

Regular reading is vital as this is when most children are practising the skills which will make them confident readers. The children need every possible chance to practise these skills at home. Children at Springfield are encouraged to read at home to or with an adult at least four times each week and are rewarded with 'Bookworm' stickers weekly when they achieve this.

### **Additional Resources to Support Home Learning**

Springfield Primary School regularly reviews the resources available to our pupils to support their learning out of school. This may include providing access to online learning platforms, the log in details for which will be provided. We may promote the use of such platforms through in-school competitions, assemblies and incentives.

### **The Role of Parents/Guardians**

We rely on the support of parents and carers in helping our pupils to continue their learning at home. We request that parents and carers support home learning by providing a quiet, comfortable space in which children can work and to support them to complete their tasks. School staff are always happy to support parents and carers in this.