

Uplands Manor Primary School - Home Learning Policy

Rationale

As a school, we value home learning that promotes and develops reading as well as basic skills in Maths and English. By giving children extra support and practice, their automaticity and fluency will improve and support their learning in Maths, English and the wider curriculum.

Overview

Reading Expectations

Reading at home is vitally important and research shows that children who read regularly do better across the curriculum in school.

- Each child has a school reading book (appropriate for their reading ability) as well as a 'choice book' from our library to read or have read to them.
- We expect all children to read to someone at home for 10-15 minutes every day.
- Parents / carers should complete their child's reading diary every day after reading with them. Teachers will check reading diaries during reading sessions in school each week.

Basic Skills

Every half term, teachers will send a double-sided home learning sheet home. It will contain:

- Spellings (differentiated) to be practiced and learnt for every week of the half term
- Maths 'key instant recall facts' (KIRFS), including times tables
- Phonics (*for EYFS, Year 1 and children still learning to read across school.*)

Online Learning

As a school, we subscribe to APPs / websites for different subjects and year groups to support their learning. These include:

- ✓ Read Write Inc Phonics
- ✓ TT Rockstars (KS2) / Numbots (KS1)
- ✓ Espresso

Login details and website links are sent home with the children who can access online learning as much as they are able to.

Time to Talk Activities

Every week, parents will be informed, via our newsletter, about topics that they can talk about at home with their child. These may link to what their child has been learning about in school or key issues in the news that they can share and discuss.

Real-life learning

Children learn a huge amount from being actively involved in real-life situations. Whenever possible, please involve your child in:

- ✓ Handling real money in shops or online shopping
- ✓ Budgeting and / or banking activities
- ✓ Reading, preparing and cooking recipes or meals
- ✓ Keeping a diary, writing cards or letters
- ✓ Planning and organising trips
- ✓ Looking after pets – cleaning, feeding, exercising etc.

Life Skills

We also ask parents to encourage and support their child's independence, including in the following areas: washing themselves and managing their own hygiene and care; getting dressed; using a knife and fork to eat; learning to swim; learning to ride a bike etc.

'Working Together' events are held during the year to help parents find out how they can support their children with their learning (eg Phonics, Reading, Maths etc)