

Uplands Manor Primary School - Home Learning Policy

It is extremely difficult to create a home learning policy that will please everyone as there are wide ranging views about the purpose, pressures and benefits of it.

Following a consultation with the whole school community, we have created this policy that prioritises the regular practice of basic skills and reading for all children. It also provides optional but purposeful home learning projects for parents wanting more home learning activities for their child.

Overview

<p>Weekly home learning activities Marked in class every week.</p> <p><i>1 page overviews are stuck in home learning books every half term with activities to be completed weekly</i></p> <p><i>Activities are differentiated so that they are accessible and appropriate for all children.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Spellings➤ Maths 'key instant recall facts', including times tables➤ Phonics (for EYFS and children still learning to read.)
<p>Reading Expectations Reading at home is vitally important and research shows that children who read regularly do better across the curriculum in school. to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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.▪ <u>We expect all children to read to someone at home for 10-15 minutes every day.</u> <p><i>Reading record sheets are stuck into home learning books and children are rewarded for regular reading at home.</i></p>	
<p>Optional home learning activities Not officially marked but good work will be acknowledged and rewarded.</p> <p><i>Power Project overviews are stuck in home learning books at the start of every half term.</i></p> <p><i>There are no rewards or sanctions for completing or not completing Power Projects other than rewards for good work in the same way that good work is rewarded in class.</i></p> <p><u>Please note:</u> extra activities are provided for children preparing for their SATs in Yr2 and Yr6.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Half-termly 'Power Project' overviews are provided with optional activities from subjects across the curriculum to be completed (e.g. research, active or creative work, book reviews etc.)➤ Online learning activities (e.g. TT Rockstars, Mathletics, Education City etc.) <i>Links to online learning sites can be found on our school website: www.uplandsmanor.sch.life Logins to sites and apps are given to children every year.</i>
<p>Real-life learning Children learn a huge amount from being actively involved in real-life situations. Whenever possible, please involve your child in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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. <p>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.</p>	

'Working Together' events are held during the year to help parents find out how they can support their children with their learning. These are run during the school day and also after school to ensure working parents can attend.