

Home Learning at Robin Hood Primary

Learning at Robin Hood Primary is fun! Our home learning tasks are intended to develop our pupils' excitement and passion for learning. We believe it enables all children to be stretched and challenged and really helps parents to have a clear insight into what their child is learning in school.

Research tells us that learning and understanding are deepened through repetition and practice. Key skills such as learning times tables and spellings can be practiced at home. We believe that reading should be part of a child's **daily routine**.

Learning beyond school enables pupils to enjoy spending time on an extended task and lets them develop their creativity.

Key Stage 1 Home Learning

Key Stage 1 tasks are designed to reinforce the learning that has happened in school that week, and are laid out as follows:

Shield activities:



These activities are the core tasks, which will help your child practice their essential skills. This will always include reading, phonics/spelling practice and a mental maths activity. We encourage you to do this **daily with your child**.

Bow activities:



These activities will be the **compulsory homework** we send out each week, which will consolidate what your child has been learning or prepare them for their learning the following week.

Arrow and target activities:



These are designed to deepen your child's knowledge. They are not compulsory; however these tasks give your child an opportunity to extend their learning further through a more personalised/open-ended approach.

Arrow activities will be based on your child's current theme in which they can increase and develop their knowledge. The target activities are aimed at challenging your child further linked to different areas of the curriculum.

If your child does complete these extra tasks please send them into school so we can celebrate their extra effort.

Once your child has completed their activities they can colour the activity key on the homework sheet to show what parts of the Robin Hood shield they have completed.

Key Stage 2 Home Learning

Reading **regularly** at home is the most **important** homework that children can do. If possible, we ask that children are heard **read by an adult 3 times a week** and this reading is **recorded in the child's reading record**. Children can then write in their own reading record when they **read independently** on the other nights. Class teachers will check children's reading habits and their comprehension at school.

This year, KS2 classes have adopted a new approach by sending home a collection of '**Home Learning Tasks**'. Children can choose one task to complete each week for their homework. We hope children will find this more engaging as they will get the choice of a range of activities that cover maths, writing, visits, making things and drawing.

In Year 6, children will be set home learning more frequently than the other classes. This helps prepare them for the transition to secondary school and ensure they work to their full potential.

Online Home Learning

The school subscribes to the websites, www.community.mathletics.co.uk and www.uk.spellodrome.com. Learning is personalised on each site as each child's account is set to tasks that are at their level of understanding. Class teachers will sometimes 'lock' activities to a child's account so that they can be completed for homework. These activities will link directly to learning at school. We encourage all children to use these sites regularly at home, as it will have a positive impact on their individual progress in maths and spelling.

The school also subscribes to "Purple Mash". This website offers your child further opportunities to develop home learning in other curriculum areas.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/robinhoodsw15>

Tutoring

We are aware that a number of our pupils are tutored outside of school. If your child has external support from a tutor please share this with your child's class teacher. This can be useful in ensuring that both school and external providers are working towards the same targets.

Parental Support

If there are any aspects of home learning that you need further support with please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher through our school office. Class teachers frequently run workshops on phonics, handwriting and maths to keep parents up to date with current teaching methods.