Home Learning

Home Learning has been reviewed this year as part of the School Improvement Plan and has input from staff, the community and children. The purpose of Home Learning at Primrose Hill is that it is:

- To be a window into the children’s learning and curriculum
- To focus on key skills taught in class to consolidate
- To provide ideas for creative projects
- To prepare older children for the transition to secondary school

Half Termly Newsletter

All year groups will send out a half termly newsletter. This newsletter will outline the curriculum for the half term. This outlines planned coverage but also acknowledges that there may be some changes as teaching begins to respond to needs of the children.

This will include what the children are covering in Maths, English and Topic and may include some suggestions of websites or places to visit.

Weekly Home Learning

Children will receive weekly home learning from their teacher; EYFS and KS1 will also be expected to complete their daily reading diary. From Year 1, Home Learning will take the format of this proforma and be adapted to the year group. Home Learning will always be linked the teaching and learning that has happened that week in class. Hard copies will be sent out, but may also be posted in Google Classroom, where children can also share their learning with their teacher.
Where appropriate, teachers may include a written example or a video example shared by QR code to help support learning at home.

Teachers will make weekly decisions and be mindful about the amount of Home Learning in each section. For example, if there is lots to do in the Maths task - there will be less in other areas.

Timing

Teachers will plan within their Year Group when Home Learning will be given out and when it is expected to be returned to school. Children will be given at least 5 days to complete Home Learning and this is to include a weekend.

Acknowledgement & Celebration

Home Learning will be acknowledged by one of the class adults. This may not necessarily be the Class Teacher. Acknowledgement can be in a variety of ways and this could include: stamps, ticks, comments and certificates.

Home Learning will also be celebrated in class in a weekly timetabled session and some pieces of Home Learning will be celebrated in Achievement Assembly on a Friday.

Expectations

Home Learning at Primrose Hill is optional, however it is heavily encouraged within the class and the school. There are no sanctions for children who do not complete Home Learning - but celebrations for those who do.

**Year Six** - as children prepare for the transition to secondary school, where the expectation is normally that children will complete a variety of Home Learning tasks every week and have to manage these themselves, school will
make sure that Year 6 are becoming independent by making them responsible for completing their Home Learning.

**Year Group Expectations**

**Nursery**
- Daily Reading with an adult

**Reception**
- Daily Reading with an adult - recorded in Reading Diary - acknowledged once a week by an adult in class
- Weekly phonics activity
- Weekly topic based activity suggestion

**Year 1**

*Children to have Home Learning folders*

**Daily:**
- Reading recorded in Reading Diary

**Weekly:**
- Guided Reading Activity

**Every two weeks:**
- Phonics / spelling activity
- Maths - focus on key skills in the Y1 curriculum e.g. Number bond activities

**Year 2**

Year Two will have a Home Learning Book to record their learning in and they will receive weekly:
- Spelling
- Maths
- Topic
- Reading

As well as:
- Daily Reading recorded in Reading Diary
Year 3 and 4
Year Three and Four will have a Home Learning Book to record their learning in and they will receive weekly:
- Spelling
- Maths
- Topic
- Reading
Year 3 and 4 will also have a focus times table per half term that they will work on both in class and at home. This information will go out in their half termly letter.

Year 5 & 6
Year Five and Six will have a Home Learning Book to record their learning in and they will receive weekly:
- Spelling
- Maths
- Topic
- Reading

As Year Six near their SATs in first part of the Summer Term, they will also receive Home Learning to help them revise and this will include over the Easter holiday period.