



Home learning at Wallacestone Primary School

Primary 7

Following consultation with staff, parents and pupils, we have decided to **trial** a new format for homework this year. It will be called home learning, rather than homework. We would like our home learning policy to be consistent across the school and to reflect the fact that we are looking at a holistic approach to your child's learning. We aim to make learning relevant and meaningful while covering the four capacities – successful learners, responsible citizens, effective contributors and confident individuals. Each child at Wallacestone Primary School is an individual and different children have different learning styles therefore personalisation and choice is important. The health and well-being of our children is paramount and we would like the application of skills and knowledge in school to be extended into family life.

It is expected that all children in Primary 7 will:

- Complete their weekly home learning activities for reading, spelling and maths. These will no longer be issued on a weekly basis but will be issued at the beginning of the term. Lists of strategies that the children can use to learn their spelling words and times tables will be sent home and children can choose which strategies to use.
- Bring their home learning jotters to school every Friday.
- Be ready for a weekly spelling assessment of their spelling words (this will take place each Friday).
- Complete their weekly reading so that it can be followed up in class with comprehension activities. Specific pages and chapters for reading will be allocated each Friday.

Our school website currently has a section for ideas of activities that the children can do at home linked to their reading. We plan to update our website throughout the year.

Options and choices for further learning:

- There will be a grid on the back of each termly curricular leaflet with further activities linked to class work that your child may like to complete. These can be completed in any order and at any time throughout the term. New elements of this include family tasks and a focus on skills development. We know and appreciate the value of family tasks in a pupil's development and want to encourage these as much as possible. While this grid is optional for the rest of the school, in order to help prepare Primary 7 children for the transition to High School, each child must pick ONE of these activities each week to complete. Children have a free choice in which activity to choose and may opt to do more than one per week if they wish.

Each child will have a home learning jotter where they can record their learning. This should be brought to school each Friday and will be returned home the same day. We encourage parents/carers to sign any written work and add a comment if appropriate. If non-written work is completed we would encourage you to note the activity in the jotter. Photographs of the children's home learning can also be tweeted to the class twitter. Most home learning feedback will be given orally however at times pupils and teachers may provide a written comment. Pupils are encouraged to critique their own learning as this forms part of a wide range of assessment methods used throughout the year by the teacher.

For any online games such as Sumdog, pupils will have been issued with their own passwords. Should you need a reminder of these then please contact your child's teacher.

We feel this is an exciting change to our home learning and look forward to hearing about progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher for more information if you require further clarification.