



Stourfield Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Home Learning – Year 1 and 2

At Stourfield Infant School, we believe that learning at home plays a vital role in supporting the progress children make in school. Home learning provides an opportunity for children to practise and reinforce the skills they are developing in class, as well as to share their learning with you. We have made some small amendments to Home Learning, they are as follows:

Home Learning Tasks:

Home learning tasks will be set each Friday and will alternate weekly — one week focusing on a Maths task, followed by a Comprehension task the next. This approach ensures that children have regular opportunities to build confidence across different areas of the curriculum.

We ask that completed home learning is returned to school by **Wednesday** each week. This allows teachers time to review and celebrate the children's work before setting new tasks.

Spellings:

Children will continue to have weekly spellings, as regular practice is important for building fluency and confidence. Each week, children will receive a new set of spellings, and we encourage you to spend a few minutes each day practising these together at home. Some of the spellings will be familiar, while others will be new, helping to make sure that previous learning is reinforced and no spellings are forgotten. Our **weekly spelling quizzes will take place every Wednesday**, giving children a chance to celebrate their progress and demonstrate their learning.

Our spellings are based on High-Frequency Words (HFW) — the words children come across most often in their reading and writing, such as the, said, come, and was. By learning to read and spell these words accurately, children develop a strong foundation for fluent reading and confident writing. Some of these words can be sounded out using phonics, while others are “tricky words” that need to be remembered by sight.

NumBots:

All children also have a **NumBots login**, which can be used at home to help develop their fluency and confidence with number facts. We encourage children to use NumBots for a few minutes each day — short, regular practice makes a real difference!

Reading:

Each week, children bring home three types of books:

- A **Learn to Read** book – this is the book your child has been reading in school and has built up their fluency with. This is the traditional ‘Reading Book’.
- A **Love to Read** book – your child may change this book daily if they wish. This is a book your child has selected for themselves and chosen to read.
- A **Library** book – these are changed weekly and are chosen for enjoyment and interest.

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Please record in your child's reading record whenever you read with them or they read with you. We encourage families to read with their child at least three times a week, as regular reading is one of the most effective ways to support your child's progress.

Home Learning Club – Supporting Every Child's Success

We are excited to continue our Home Learning Club, running every Friday lunchtime. This club is primarily for children who find it difficult to complete their home learning at home. While we strongly encourage children to complete their Maths and English tasks at home whenever possible, we understand that for some this can be a challenge.

The club offers a calm, supportive space where children can complete their home learning with adult guidance, helping them stay on track and build confidence. If your child finds completing homework at home a battle, please speak to your class teacher to request a place. We will let you know if your child has been allocated a space as spaces will be limited.

To ensure all children keep up with their learning, any child who has not completed their homework will be asked to attend the Home Learning Club that week. This helps provide the extra support they need and ensures they don't fall behind. If you do not want your child to attend this club, please speak to your class teacher.

Continuing Support at Home

Even if your child attends the Home Learning Club, the expectation is that parents and carers support reading and spelling practice at home. Regular engagement with these skills makes a real difference to children's progress and confidence. Your encouragement at home remains an essential part of your child's learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to develop positive learning habits. Working together, we can ensure that every child achieves their very best.

If you have any questions about Home Learning, Spellings, NumBots, Reading, or Homework Club, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

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