

At Grove, our aim is to provide the best education possible for your child. Part of this is to provide you with information on how you can help your child learn outside of school, as well as explaining how we set homework in each of our year groups. This leaflet will explain our policy towards home learning, as well as provide you with websites and other information designed to help your child become the best they can be.

Our Approach

We believe that while homework is an excellent way for your child to consolidate their learning and become independent learners, children should have time outside of school to play, socialise, join clubs and do all the things that make them rounded and happy children. We believe our approach to homework will fit into this ethos.

We have considered the views of parents and carers and have tried to devise an approach that is suitable and flexible for all of our parents and children. Homework will therefore be an opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning (and get involved if you wish), but in the knowledge that they should be able to complete their homework independently. It is our view that new learning and concepts should be taught in the classroom, so we will not be asking your child to do anything they have not covered in class. There will always be times when children struggle with homework, but please be assured that there is always help available from their teacher should you or your child need it.

If you have any questions about the work your child is doing in class, or want to discuss how to help your child even more, then our doors are always open! Please come to school to discuss this with the class teacher: if we cannot see you immediately, then make an appointment and a meeting can be arranged. You are also welcome to see Mr Salisbury at any time to discuss matters further.

Reading

Reading is an essential part of every child's education and underpins all we do here at Grove. We want to nurture a love of reading and help your child explore the world of books available to them.

We would hope that all of our children will read for at least 10 to 15 minutes each day; either to you or independently. All children receive two books: one that they should be able to read independently and another that they have chosen for pleasure.

In Early Years and KS1, children will also receive a reading record: this is a great tool for you to use when reading with your child as you can record any comments on their progress. They will also receive login details for Oxford Owl and a link to RWI videos so they can practise their phonics.

Writing

Having a good knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation is an increasing part of the new curriculum. As your child progresses through school, the emphasis shifts from spelling to more complex rules and application of grammar.

To support with this, your child will receive login details for EdShed - children use these details to log onto Spelling Shed where they can complete assignments set by teachers each week and practise a wide range of spelling and grammar concepts.

Practising handwriting at home would also be beneficial.

For further support, you can find lots of activities and videos on BBC Bitesize.

Maths

Maths homework will be sent out to all year groups each week. To be a confident mathematician, a secure understanding of number is essential. The homework we provide to children will reflect this. There will be an emphasis on fluency in times tables and accurate recall of number facts. These key skills underpin the more complex maths that children will encounter as they move through school.

Math Shed is an online resource that provides high-quality resources that will increase children's confidence in their understanding of the four operations. Each week, children will be assigned a specific activity on Math Shed that they should aim to complete at home. Of course, we always encourage them to access Math Shed as much as possible on top of this!