

George Eliot Primary School

Home Learning Policy

Date Published: September 2016

Review Date: September 2018

Member of Staff Responsible: Lee Duffy & Debbie Shewell

Frequency of Review: 2 years

George Eliot Home Learning Policy

At George Eliot Primary School, we actively promote strong links between home and school. We acknowledge the value home learning gives to our learners, and through good home-school partnerships we endeavour to work together with parents and carers to extend and enhance learning opportunities for our children. We appreciate the support parents and carers give to their children to continue their learning at home.

EYFS

Children in the EYFS need to develop strong reading and speaking and listening skills to prepare them for Year 1.

The best way for parents and carers to support their child's learning at home is by engaging in reading experiences, sharing books with their child each day. To develop children's mathematical understanding we encourage parents and carers to involve their child in activities such as baking or shopping, making the most of maths in every day experiences.

It is essential that parents and carers make regular contributions to their child's Learning Journey to keep us updated on their experiences, learning and successes outside of school.

Years 1 – 6

Home learning will mainly be in the form of pupils securing and embedding key facts and knowledge required to support their learning across the curriculum. This may be through practising and using 'basic skills' such as spelling patterns, number bonds, etc. Occasionally home learning may involve a project which requires children to carry out research or to make something for example a game or a poster.

Through this policy we aim to:

- develop and embed basic skills
- develop the understanding of using these skills in a range of projects and daily life
- encourage and develop independent learners.
- develop skills of motivation and self-confidence
- further develop our partnership between school and parents by providing opportunities for pupils, parents and school to work together

Reading at Home

We encourage and promote reading at home **every day** to develop pupils' fluency and comprehension. In addition to their reading book from school, children can read newspapers, books from the library, websites and recipes to develop their reading skills in different contexts.

We recommend that children read for around 20 minutes every day. They should record what they have read in their reading record and return their reading record to school.

Spellings and Mental Calculations

Each week, children will be given spellings to learn and mental calculation facts to practise (number bonds, times tables, division facts). Parents and carers are encouraged to help children to practise these for 5 or 10 minutes each day.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home learning, please speak to your child's class teacher before or after school, or arrange a convenient time by calling the school office. If there are any questions or concerns about home learning, please arrange a convenient time to meet with the class teacher by calling the school office.

Homework Club

George Eliot offers a Homework Club for children who require additional support with their home learning. If you would like to find out more about this, please speak to the school office or the clubs coordinator.