

PINNER WOOD SCHOOL



Home Learning Policy

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Pinner Wood Home learning Policy

We define home learning as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Pinner Wood we have a strong commitment to parental and family involvement and see home learning as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give Home learning?

It can inform families about work going on in class;

It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;

It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some one to one adult time;

It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children;

It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key skills;

It helps to foster good habits of organisation, self-discipline and independent learning

Home learning at our school

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, Pinner Wood is not a school in which home learning dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination, and that evenings and weekends can sometimes be busy.

We believe that home learning should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict, it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

We do not specify amounts of time, but we offer guidance as to how long each activity should take (see below). However, we recognise that every child will learn differently.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; however, if a child is having difficulty completing any home learning, this can be discussed with the child and their parents.

Our home learning offer at Pinner Wood




	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading (Daily)							
Oxford Owl (20min per week)			Not Off programme				

Oracy (Suggested- 5min = 1min recording)							
Spellings (Daily practise 5min)	RWI spellings	RWI spellings	RWI spellings or Ed Shed for Off programme	Ed Shed	Ed Shed	Online	Online
TTRS (20min per week)							
NumBots (20min per week)							
Maths.co.uk				20 minutes per week	20 minutes per week	20 minutes per week	20 minutes per week
Maths Passports (Practise towards targets)							
CGP books							30 minutes per week
Project learning (At least one piece per half term)							


Our Expectations

Reading	We hope every child is able to read to a family member at least four times a week and to also build up time reading for pleasure by themselves. Getting into a routine of listening to/reading a story before bedtime is strongly advised. Reading records are checked weekly and should be filled in every time a child reads at home.
Oxford Owl Online Books	Children have been given log in details for Oxford Owl and online books and quizzes can be accessed linked to RWI groups and are updated every half term. Children in Reception – Year 2 (not off programme) are sent an online book to read. Targeted children in Year 3 and 4 are also sent these books to access online.
Oracy	Children are given a stimulus to be discussed. They record their answers on Seesaw. Their responses can be prepared beforehand or recorded in the moment. We encourage families to join in with these discussions.
Spellings	Reception, Year 1, 2: Spellings will be tested every week. Year 3,4,5: Spellings will be tested every other week. Year 6: Spellings will be tested every week. You can find the spellings online or Ed Shed.

Maths Passports	Maths passports tests will take place weekly for each year group beginning in Year 1. For younger children, targets are available to view on Seesaw.
Times Tables	Times tables will be tested through Times Table Rockstars.
TTRS	Children have been given log in details to Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) which can be accessed to practise times tables through games and competitions.
NumBots	Children in Reception – Year 2 have been given log in details to access NumBots which can be used to work through maths challenges.
Maths.co.uk	Maths.co.uk provides standardised topic tests and end of unit tests based on the children's learning in Maths each week. Each child will receive a login for this and complete one task per week.
CGP Books	In Year 6, children are required to complete three 10-minute tests per week. Each test will help them in the build up to their SATs. They are Maths, Reading and SPaG.
Padlets	Additional resources for Phonics and Maths can be found on the Pinner Wood Padlets including games and activities. RWI Set 1 Padlet RWI Set 2 and 3 Padlet Maths Padlet
Project Learning	Each half term your child will begin a new topic (History or Geography). Their project learning will be linked to the key question for that half term and will be ongoing through the weeks, project style. There will be a range of suggested activities, research, visits, books that children can complete to add to the learning happening at school. Children can get involved in this as much as they wish, with a minimum of one piece of work being completed per half term. They can upload work to Seesaw and bring 'projects' into school (where possible) to share at the end of each half term.

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<p>Digital Detox</p>	<p>Digital Detox week will take place once each half term. Your child's home learning that week will be offline and connected to a whole school project such as linked to the School Values, an art project or Sustainability. Children are welcome to share these in class when they return to school and are encouraged not to post these online.</p>																						

Responding to Home Learning

Home learning is set in addition to class work. Teachers will acknowledge learning submitted on Seesaw with a heart symbol. 

Oracy home learning will be responded to with a short comment or question from the teacher.

Children will receive rewards in class for completing home learning tasks.

Reading records are checked weekly in class.

Project learning will be shared and celebrated in class.

There is no requirement for teachers to make lengthy comments on home learning tasks.

Expectations for Completing Home Learning

It is expected that all children at Pinner Wood complete home learning. Home learning is set on a Friday and due in the following Friday. Children are expected to complete that homework within the week it is set. Backdated homework will not be responded to.

Some learning will be tested in class, such as spellings, times tables, and Maths Passports.

Other home learning will be monitored and shared, such as Oracy tasks and project learning.

Children are expected to complete home learning at home. In Key Stage Two, if a child cannot complete tasks, they will be invited to the home learning club, which takes place during lunchtimes at school.

If a child does not regularly complete home learning without a valid reason, they will be asked to make up time to complete it, such as Values Time.

Holiday Homework

It is our policy not to give home learning over the holidays and half term breaks.

What to do if you have concerns

If you find the home learning inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that home learning is given inconsistently, please talk with your child's teacher in the first instance.