



Silver Tree Primary School and Nursery



Homework Policy

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Silver Tree Primary School and Nursery Homework Policy

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

Why do we give homework?

- It helps to inform parents about work going on in class
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, basic calculations, spellings, handwriting and other key skills
- It helps to develop good habits of organisation and independence as the children grow

Our routines and expectations

At Silver Tree Primary School and Nursery, we will ensure that all homework tasks are explained and discussed in class before coming home to ensure the tasks are fully understood by the children. Where necessary, additional guidance for parents may also be sent home.

There will be clear explanation/reminders from the teacher of what is expected.

NEW - Homework will be completed and 'handed in' online through our Class Dojo pages on an agreed day in each class. Children are encouraged to use this system for paper based tasks. Should children decide to complete a practical task such as building a model, these can either be photographed and posted on Class Dojo or the models can actually be brought into school.

When homework is not 'handed in' (posted on Class Dojo) on the agreed day, the child will be asked to post their homework ready for the start of the next day. If the homework is not posted online by the start of the following day then the child will join a 'homework catch-up session', in class where they will be given the chance to complete their work. During this session an alternative, independent piece of homework will be provided for the children to complete. No child will be sanctioned for uncompleted work but will be given the opportunity to complete work, albeit on a simpler scale, during school time.

If homework is repeatedly not completed, an appointment for parents/carers to discuss this, with the class teacher and/or Pupil Welfare Officer, will be made.

Homework tasks (see also Appendix 1)

Maths Homework

Maths homework will not be set in paper format. Tasks will be incorporated into the topic grid posted on Class Dojo pages for the children to complete. Children are expected to learn their times tables, know their number bonds recall basic addition and subtraction facts.

Individual children may be given additional homework and resources to support their learning where appropriate.



Reading

Daily reading will be provided and the children will be encouraged to read at home to support their reading in school. Children are encouraged to read three times weekly at home. Reading records will be checked and signed on a weekly basis to monitor reading at home.

Topic based homework

Each year group will set homework linked to their topic for the half term/term. This will be in the format of a grid containing activities for the children to select from. The children will be encouraged to complete a variety of tasks differing in difficulty whilst gaining dojo points.

Homework will be set at the start of the topic and children will be expected to complete one activity each week and post online on the Class Dojo page by an agreed day. These will then be shared with the class at an agreed time and either displayed in class or returned home.

Free Pass – we are offering the children a free pass to use once per half term to allow them one week free from homework.

Year 2 Homework

Year 2 children will be set the project based homework in the Autumn and Spring terms. In the Summer term, they will be set homework specific to SAT preparation, these will be focusing on reading comprehension, SPaG and basic maths skills. Individual children may be set specific tasks in line with their needs.

Year 6 Homework

Year 6 children will be set the project based homework for the Autumn and Summer terms. In the Spring term they will complete SAT revision booklets and tasks specific for their SAT preparation.

Additional homework

It may be identified that individual children require additional work to support their learning, this will be discussed with individual parents/carers and sent home accordingly.

EYFS Homework

Due to the nature of EYFS they will follow a different pattern of homework, details of which can be found in the EYFS Policy Document. This homework will be posted on the Class Story page of Class Dojo and the children are asked to post their work online in the same way as other classes.



Appendix 1 – COVID-19 Changes

During the current pandemic, some alterations to homework activities have been made in order to support health and safety protocols and promote basic skills to enable 'catch-up' work to be provided.

See individual class newsletters for further details.