Cove Junior School

Home Learning Policy

Approved: September 2026
Review Date: September 2029? (the last one was a three year period)

Introduction

Home learning supports and extends learning undertaken at school. It provides opportunities for pupils to practise key skills, consolidate understanding and develop increasing independence in their learning.

The school values the partnership between home and school and encourages parents and carers to support their child in establishing positive learning habits. Home learning should be completed within the timescales provided and to an appropriate standard.

Aims

Home learning at Cove Junior School will:

- Consolidate and extend learning from the classroom.
- Develop pupils' independence, responsibility and organisational skills.
- Promote reading, fluency in number facts, and subject knowledge.
- Encourage parental engagement with children's learning.
- Provide opportunities for challenge, practice and enrichment.
- Be accessible and appropriate for pupils of different abilities and needs.

Home Learning Expectations

All pupils are expected to complete regular home learning during term time.

Reading

Pupils should read at home and discuss their reading with a parent or carer at least five times each week. Reading should be recorded in the Reading Record Book.

Children may access reading materials through a range of sources, including school reading books, the school library and SORA, the School Library Service's online reading platform. Pupils are encouraged to read widely and experience a range of authors, genres and text types.

Spelling

The school follows the Spelling Ninja programme. Each week, pupils are provided with 20 spellings that follow a specific spelling rule, pattern or theme. These words are intended to support pupils' wider understanding of spelling conventions and vocabulary development.

Pupils are expected to learn and practise all 20 words. Weekly spelling assessments will be based on 10 words selected from the spelling list.

Multiplication Facts

Pupils should regularly practise multiplication facts to ensure secure recall and fluency. Children have access to the online platform, Times Table Rockstars (TTRS), provided by the school to support this learning. Expected time spent on TTRS each week varies across the school:

- Year 3 – 10 minutes per week
- Year 4 – 15 minutes per week
- Year 5 – 20 minutes per week
- Year 6 - 20 minutes per week

Topic Enrichment Activities (Years 3, 4 and 5)

Each half term, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be offered a topic-related enrichment activity.

Year 6

To support preparation for Key Stage 3 and reinforce learning from the Key Stage 2 curriculum, pupils in Year 6 will complete additional weekly home learning in addition to the reading, spelling and multiplication tasks outlined above.

From September, pupils will be set:

- One weekly mathematics task on Learning by Questions (LbQ).

From January, pupils will be set:

- One weekly mathematics task on Learning by Questions (LbQ).
- One weekly English task on Learning by Questions (LbQ).

These tasks will reinforce and consolidate learning that has taken place in class.

A Homework Club is available for Year 6 pupils. A member of staff will be available to support pupils who need to complete their home learning at school.

Responsibilities

Pupils will:

- Complete home learning by the given deadline.
- Present work to an appropriate standard.
- Seek clarification from their teacher if they are unsure of a task.
- Record home learning where required.
- Bring reading records and reading books to school each day.

Parents and Carers will:

- Provide an appropriate environment for home learning where possible.
- Encourage and support their child in completing home learning independently.

- Promote positive attitudes towards home learning.
- Communicate with the school if circumstances prevent work from being completed.

School Staff will:

- Provide clear guidance and expectations for home learning.
- Set and monitor home learning in line with this policy.
- Provide enrichment activities for pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5.
- Provide additional weekly home learning for pupils in Year 6.
- Recognise and value pupils' efforts in completing home learning.