

Home Learning Policy

Gomer Junior School

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Policy Statement

All pupils at Gomer Junior School can benefit from learning at home. We believe that parents, carers and other family members can and do make a real difference to our pupil's education. Home learning can have the following non-academic benefits for children:

- Learning the importance of responsibility for learning
- Managing their time effectively
- Developing independent study habits
- Developing perseverance – staying with a task until it is complete

Pupils learn a great deal at school and parents/ carers can add to that learning by supporting their child at home. With support and encouragement, pupils find it easier to adopt good home learning skills.

How do we provide home learning?

Each week, on a Friday, children will be given a home learning Google Slide in their Google Classroom. This will include:

- Reading daily
- Spellings (little and often) - links to Spelling Shed
- Tables - links to Timestable Rockstars and Hit the Button
- x1 other task if relevant/suitable to what is happening in the week. This is likely to be a flipped learning type task to help prepare for school sessions.

The Importance of Talk

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We encourage parents/carers to daily converse with their children about what they have learnt at school, for example, by holding the following sorts of discussions:

- Tell me about the most interesting thing you have learnt today.
- How could you have improved your learning today?
- What did you enjoy most about today's learning?
- What do you predict you are going to be learning about next?

Out of School Enrichment Experiences

We recommend parents/carers take every opportunity to enhance their children's learning outside of school through a range of activities, e.g:

- Taking advantage of our locality: Stokes bay, local parks and museums
- Children being involved in sporting clubs, scouting or guiding
- Children learning an instrument

Reading at Home

We believe all children should develop the habit of reading every day. As the children progress through the school we want them to continue to read for pleasure and not just as a school requirement. To encourage the children, in addition to regular Guided Reading sessions in class, we offer a variety of support with home reading. Support banded books being sent home alongside a library free choice book and library sessions to help encourage secure reading habits. Pupils can access their online library too and for those who need encouragement, we suggest that these pupils should read ideally to an adult, every day.