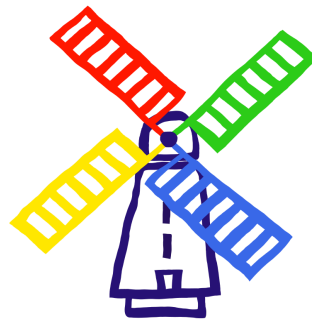


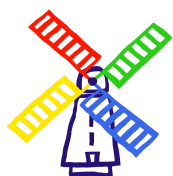
Home Learning Policy

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At Widmer End, we believe that learning is a life-long process and that learning at home is an essential part of a child's education. Home learning is any work or activity completed outside of lesson time.

The purpose of home learning is to:

- Develop an effective partnership between school and parents to support children to achieve more in the time they are with us
- Consolidate and build on learning in school by practising skills and applying these to new situations at home
- Develop children's confidence, independence and the self-discipline they need for personal study in preparation for secondary school and beyond.

Home learning will be detailed on the school website on each year group's class page.

Work set varies dependent on the age of the child as follows:

Year group	Weekly activities	Time spent
Reception	Phonics videos Daily opportunities for reading Handwriting task Maths task	One opportunity to read each day Minimum 15 mins per week on the rest of homework
Key Stage One (Year 1 & 2)	Phonics or spelling task Reading practice Reading journal activity Maths Shed or Active Learn maths task	Reading at least 3 x per week for 10-15 mins Minimum 20 minutes per week spent on rest of homework
Lower Key Stage Two (Year 3 & 4)	Spelling practice (Spelling Shed) Reading practice Reading journal activity Times tables practice Maths task eg, Active Learn	Reading at least 3 x per week for 15-20 mins Minimum 30 minutes per week spent on rest of homework
Upper Key Stage Two (Year 5 & 6)	Spelling practice (Spelling Shed) Reading practice Reading journal activity Times tables practice Maths task eg, Active Learn	Reading at least 3 x per week for lengthier periods to build reading stamina Minimum 40 minutes per week spent on rest of homework



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Holidays and project work

At Widmer End, we feel that children should take the time to have a natural break from school during the holidays. Therefore, we only set work for KS2 children over half-term breaks, which consists of reading, spelling and times tables practice (reading journal activities are optional over half-terms). There is no home learning set over Christmas and Easter breaks with the exception of Year 6, where practice revision exercises for the SATs tests may be set. During the summer holidays, children will be set a task to do at home as part of their transition to the next year group.

Teachers may choose to set a project for children to complete as part of the weekly homework over a number of weeks.

Expectations for home learning

We expect all children to hand in their homework to a good standard and on time. Teachers choose the days homework is set and give a deadline. Details are sent to parents at the start of the year and information is available on the class pages on our website. **Parents are asked to let teachers know if there are any reasons why their child will not be able to complete their homework or will miss the deadline.**

If a child does not hand in their homework on time:

- the child is given a chance to bring in their homework late
- if this happens for a second time, children are given a warning
- if children persist in missing deadlines, they will be asked to attend the next homework club which is run on a Thursday lunchtime

Teachers and support staff mark reading journals and check reading records/ planners weekly.