



# Valley Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE !

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below details of our home learning expectations for Academic Year 2025-2026.

We have changed this slightly following feedback from Staff, Parents and Children during the last academic year.

Please find below a summary of our home learning expectations:

<b>COMPULSORY WEEKLY HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES:</b>	<b>OPTIONAL/ OCCASIONALLY SET HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES :</b>
Reading – 3 times per week (3 x 10 mins)	Maths - Times Tables Rock Stars Y2,Y3,Y4, Y5, Y6 Numbots Rec, Y1.
Spellings - 3 times per week (3 x 10 mins)	Topic Home Learning
KIRF Maths Key Skill - 3 times per week (3 x 10 mins) plus complete one challenge per week.	Life Skills Activities
	Curious Challenges and Brain Boosters
	Real Life Maths/ Transition Holiday Activities
	Valley Website links and Activities

The above will be explained in detail during our Curriculum Evenings. A more detailed explanation of each activity is also attached to this letter for your information.

We offer a homework club for children in Year 1 to Year 6 if your child does not have access to a device and/or finds concentrating at home difficult. We also have some capacity to support with children borrowing equipment should they require. Please contact our school office if you would like to discuss.

We will also give opportunity at breaks/ lunch for children who need to catch up on the compulsory home learning; reading, spelling and KIRF practice, so they don't fall behind with their learning if they cannot complete it at home or attend homework club one week.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to support our children's learning. We hope this combination of home learning activities provides opportunity for our children to develop key skills whilst not overwhelming them and allowing them to enjoy being children!

Yours sincerely

*S. J. Milewski*

Miss Milewski.  
Headteacher.

# VALLEY HOME LEARNING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



## CORE HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES (COMPULSORY)

### ENGLISH KEY SKILLS PRACTICE.

Reading– it is crucial your child reads most nights. This can just be a small amount but will really help them develop their skills and widen their vocabulary and understanding. It is very helpful if you can discuss their reading or ask them specific questions about what they have read. There are some suggested activities on the year group page on our website.

It is also important your child reads for pleasure or hears stories read to them which they enjoy alongside their specific targeted reading books. Rewards will be given at various points for reaching specific milestones.

**WE ASK EVERY CHILD TO READ AT LEAST 3 TIMES PER WEEK FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 MINUTES EACH TIME AND FOR THIS TO BE NOTED IN THEIR READING DIARIES.**

Spellings - it is vital your child practises these to develop their vocabulary skills, accuracy and confidence when writing / decoding.

Spelling sheets will be sent out and saved on our year group page on our website each half term for **Year 1 to Year 6**. In Year 1 these are general key spellings with suggested activities.

From Year 2 upwards, children have specific weekly spellings to learn. Children will be placed in Spelling Group A or Spelling Group B. The expectation is children learn their weekly spelling rule at home and school. They need to practise both reading and spelling words, alongside practising their 'Wizard Words' or 'Tricky Words' which are the focus common exception words for their year group.

In school, teachers focus on these spelling rules for that particular week. On a Friday, children have the opportunity to apply 5 of the 10 learnt words to dictated sentences. Children are rewarded if they achieve all their words spelt correctly by being moved up the zone board. At the end of each half term, we assess the children's progress in learning their Wizard Words.

**WE ASK EVERY CHILD TO PRACTISE THEIR SPELLINGS/ PHONICS/ WIZARD WORDS IN DIFFERENT WAYS AT LEAST 3 TIMES PER WEEK FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 MINUTES EACH TIME.**

**In Reception, Year 1 and for some Year 2** children, an additional phonics sheet will be sent home to practise each sound.

**WE ASK EVERY CHILD TO PRACTISE THESE EACH DAY AND REWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR LEARNING THE SOUND. THIS SHOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES IN TOTAL SPLIT ACROSS THE WEEK.**

### MATHS KEY SKILLS PRACTICE.

KIRFs – Key Instant Recall Facts. Each half term, we choose different instant recall facts to focus on. We test the children each week and move children up the zone board as a reward for learning their key instant recall facts. We use the 6 second rule set by the government for the Time Tables Test to define whether recall is instant so please do encourage your child to answer quickly.

**WE ASK EVERY CHILD TO PRACTISE THEIR KIRF IN DIFFERENT WAYS AT LEAST 3 TIMES PER WEEK FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 MINUTES EACH TIME AND TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE SUGGESTED CHALLENGES.**

## **HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL)**

### **ONLINE MATHS SKILLS PRACTICE.**

Children learning and continuing to practice their number skills in Reception and Year 1 is crucial. We encourage children to practice these regularly using Numbots.

Children learning and continuing to practice their Time Tables Skills in Year 2 to Year 6 is crucial. We encourage children to practice these regularly using Time Tables Rock Stars.

### **TOPIC HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES.**

In line with our Topics, we will launch new home learning activity sheets this year. These have been created following pupil voice regarding what they enjoy and would find useful to help them do more, know more and remember more.

Every activity completed will receive a House Point. Children can also earn a Merit Certificate and 5 House Points for really good learning or a Distinction Certificate and 10 House Points for exceptional learning.

Please encourage your child to complete as many tasks as possible from our new Topic Home Learning sheets and bring these into school on a Wednesday to show in Phase Assembly.

### **CURIOUS CHALLENGES AND BRAIN BOOSTERS**

As part of our Feel Good Friday, a suggested Curious Challenge and Brain Booster are set each week for your child to choose to complete at home if they wish. We also set one Deeper Thinking Question each week. These all focus on good Mental Health.

Please encourage your child to complete these tasks during our early Friday finish or during the weekend and bring photographs or artistic creations/ notes from these into school on a Wednesday to show in Phase Assembly.

### **REAL LIFE MATHS/ TRANSITION HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Each break, a practical holiday activity focusing on Real Life Maths will be set following their learning in Maths in class. This will aim to allow application of school learning in a practical real life setting.

A transition project and various activities will be encouraged for the summer holidays to help with transition. Part of this will be based on their new class name linked to different areas of the curriculum/ a British Inspirational person. During other holidays, teachers may set a different specific project or task if appropriate linked to key learning objectives.

Please encourage your child to take an interest in these and complete the tasks set and return them to school.

### **ACTIVITIES ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

The Children's section of our school website has our Learning Zone which has various recommended website links and home activity ideas alongside other helpful information such as recommended reading.

This can be accessed via the link: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/children>

Please support your child in visiting the website regularly, looking at the year group pages that celebrate with photographs of the learning they are doing in school each week and encourage them to complete some of the activities or access some of the websites signposted.

### **COMPETITIONS AND TIME LIMITED ACTIVITIES**

We have some competitions and specific time limited activities linked to certain events such as Science Day during the year. These will be advertised via our Friday Weekly Newsletter so please keep an eye out for these.