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Home Learning Expectations
2025-2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

Below we have outlined the homework arrangements for this academic year. As always, these tasks and resources are given to your children to support their learning in school and to support them to consolidate any new learning. Each week, these are our expectations for home learning. Please read below for more information in each area.

Home Reading – Please ensure your child reads at least 5 times a week at home. Please prioritise this as this is proven to be the most impactful for children and their learning in school.
Maths –Times Table Rock Stars practise (Years 2 to 6) – a total of at least 20 minutes on 'Garage mode'. Children in Year 1 will complete a short 'Fluency Bee' worksheet to develop their fluency and consolidate learnt number facts.
Spellings – Please practise the weekly spellings at home to support the learning in school (Years 1-6) - around 15 minutes in total.

Home learning is always a contentious subject – some families love it and want more, whilst other families prefer not to engage with it. We are always mindful of this and aim to offer a minimum requirement of home learning to ensure all children make at least good progress in their learning and we require all children to undertake the homework set out in this letter. For families who would welcome additional home learning opportunities, we will provide these too via the purple mash platform online.

This year, we are continuing to our 'Home Learning Heroes'. As a small reward for completing their home learning that week, those children will receive a short additional playtime, which we are calling 'Home Learning Heroes'. We hope that this extra incentive will encourage all children to engage in their home-learning to the best of their ability.

Home Reading

We ask that your child's reading record is brought into school every day so that when an adult reads with your child, they are able to record a comment regarding their reading progress. We also ask that children read at least 5x a week with an adult at home. Reading at home makes such a difference to your child's progress across all areas of the curriculum!

The Manor Church of England VC Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Shine like stars in the sky
Philippians 2:15

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Maths

We have renewed our subscription as a school to Times Tables Rockstars, an online platform our children can use to develop the fluency of their times tables. As part of our maths homework expectations, we are asking that children in years 2-6 log on at home and complete a minimum of 15 minutes on 'Garage mode', a section designed to develop the times tables the children are working on in school.

Children in Year 1 will be given a fluency worksheet to complete instead of times tables. This will be stuck in their home learning books each week to complete the following week. This purpose of this activity is to consolidate number facts that have already been learnt and also to help develop strong number fluency in our Year 1 children.

Spellings

To best support our children's writing, spellings will be sent home **at the beginning of each term**. You will receive a table detailing the word lists and spelling rule that children will be learning each week in school. Children will be expected to practise their spellings throughout the week at home. This practise should be recorded in their home learning books. Some children may receive an additional list of spelling words to practise a little further into the new term – these may be high frequency words or common exception words that do not follow the usual phonics pattern. These spellings should be prioritised first before working on the whole class list.

Purple Mash

For those families who wish for more homework, class teachers will regularly set additional learning tasks on Purple Mash on a variety of subject areas. This is additional to any set work, and you are welcome to use these in any way you choose to support your child's learning.

We thank our families/carers for their engagement with the home learning – it has such a positive impact on your child's learning as they move through school.

Best wishes
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