



Water Mill Primary School – Homework Overview

At Water Mill, we believe that home learning should support, not stress. Our aim is to encourage children to practise key skills, share their learning with families, and develop positive study habits – all in a way that works for each family's routine.

Our Number 1 Priority: Reading

We ask all families to make daily reading the top priority. If you do nothing else at home – please read with and to your child every day. This supports vocabulary, comprehension, confidence and well-being.

- In KS1, this includes reading the phonics books and comprehension books we send home, plus any books your child enjoys for pleasure.
- In KS2, children should be reading for at least 20 minutes each evening, either independently or with an adult.

Maths Practice at Home

We offer two excellent online tools to help your child build maths fluency in a fun, effective way:

- Numbots (KS1): Focuses on early number skills and calculation fluency.

www.numbots.com

- Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) (KS2): Builds speed and confidence in multiplication and division facts.

www.ttrockstars.com

Your child has a personal login for both platforms. Please contact the school if you need help accessing them.



Atom Learning (KS2)

Children in Years 3 to 6 also have access to Atom Learning, an interactive platform for English and Maths.

Teachers may set weekly tasks, tailored to classroom learning.

www.atomlearning.co.uk

Optional Enrichment Activities

We no longer use a formal homework log. Instead, we will provide a range of optional activities linked to what pupils have been learning in school. These are designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and conversation at home.

Homework is never compulsory and children are never penalised for not completing it. We recognise that home routines vary and that some families face challenges. However, research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that regular, low-pressure homework can have a positive impact on learning – especially when supported by parents.

Year 6 Expectations

In Year 6, children will be given specific weekly homework in maths and writing using CGP revision books. These tasks are expected to be completed, helping pupils prepare for the expectations of secondary school.

Additional Support for 11+ Preparation

We work closely with the local grammar school network. As part of this partnership, pupils eligible for free school meals are provided with free access to the 11+ section of Atom Learning. This can be a valuable tool for families considering grammar school applications.

If you have any questions, or have limited access to internet enabled devices or need support with home learning, please contact the school office. We're here to help.

Together, we can build the habits that last a lifetime.