

A guide to understanding homework at HCFS



Homework is an important part of a child's education as it helps in developing various core skills that serve them throughout their life time. These include: building independent learning skills; the development of an intrinsic work ethic; the discipline of practice and the management of workload skills. That being said, HCFS recognise that for some families engaging in compulsory learning experiences outside of the school day can be challenging and, at times, stressful. Therefore HCFS' home learning policy focuses on the wellbeing of parents and their children whilst still providing pupils with opportunities to consolidate learning that has been taking place within school. On a half termly basis, teachers publish a series of homework tasks for children to engage with. Your child's homework can be found by clicking on the homework tab on their year group page of the school website.



Please note, if you cannot access the school website, a paper copy of your child's homework sheet can be requested through conversation with their class teacher

Each half term's document looks like this and is broken down into two sections:

Term: Spring 1

Year 4 Home Learning

Must Do

Reading your book 3 times a week. Ask the grown up reading with you to sign your reading record.

Engaging with the online platforms for a minimum of 30 minutes in total (we don't expect 30 mins on each!)

Could Do

Below are a series of tasks that are directly linked to the learning that is being completed in Year 4 this half term:

Maths

Units of measure: Time
Practice reading the time at different points. Can you work out the time for 30mins later or 45 minutes before that?

links to learning taking place in week 4

Project (Flow)

Find the longest Rivers on each continent. Can you record some facts about these?

links to learning taking place in week 2&3

English

Write a letter to persuade your parents to give/increase your pocket money.

links to learning taking place in week 1 to 3

Enrichment Activity

Secret Friend - can you do something nice for someone without them noticing

Maths

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Multiplication Skills

links to learning taking place in week 1

PSHE

Write an acoustic poem about the qualities of friendship, using the word 'FRIENDSHIP'.

links to learning taking place in week 1 to 5

Project (Flow)

Can you paint a picture of a river in the style of Nico Klopp?
(Art activity)

links to learning taking place in week 2&3

English

Use the spelling overview to practice your spellings. Can you write them into sentences?

links to learning taking place in week 1 to 5

Enrichment Activity

Go for a walk and look for signs Spring is on its way!

Maths

Make a poster to help you learn your roman numeral numbers.

links to learning taking place in week 5

Science (Habitats)

Can you design and make your own microhabitat using soil, grass, bark or anything else you think bugs might like?

links to learning taking place in week 1 to 5

English

IXL Reading Comprehension Unit P Literary Texts - Level 1.

links to weekly reading comprehension lessons in school

Must Do

These are activities that children are expected to complete every week and are classed as **non-negotiables**. This is because completion of these tasks is pivotal to your child's successful learning progression. These tasks are:

- Reading their school reading book at least three times per week;
- Using age appropriate online platforms for a minimum of 30 minutes per week (total).

Could Do

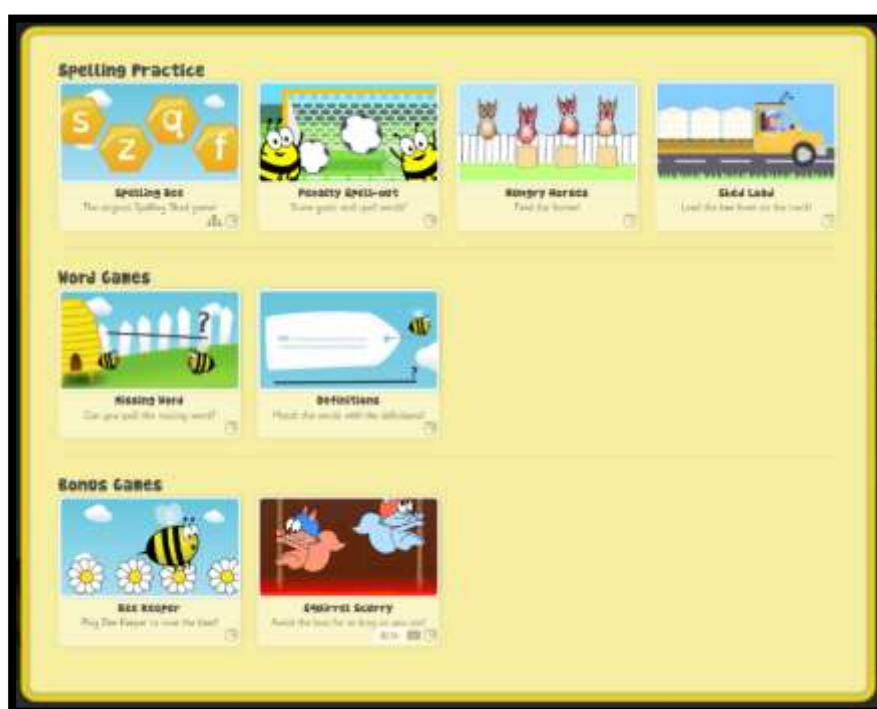
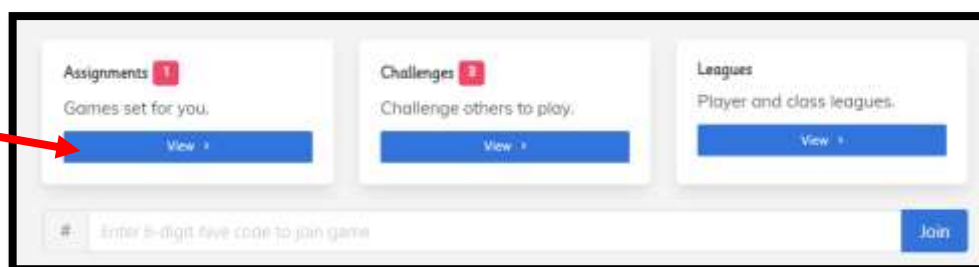
These are a series of activities that link directly to the learning that will be taking place in the classrooms across the course of the half term. The week in which the learning is due to take place is **shown in green** within the document so parents and children can decide when to complete certain homework tasks.

There is no requirement for children to hand in homework to their class teacher for marking.

However, the teaching team are always delighted to discuss, share and celebrate any learning completed outside of school and therefore children are most welcome to bring any completed tasks into school.

For more information, our Home Learning Policy can be viewed [here](#).

Within the 'Must Do' activities, teachers expect the children log on to their spelling shed account to engage with the assignments set by their teacher. The children have the ability to participate in a range of different spelling games linked to their focus words of the week, in preparation for their spelling tests that occur each Friday morning (Y2-6). To get to the assignments, children simply log in using their school usernames (class teachers can provide logins to children in September '24), click **assignments**, then **play**.



Children can then choose from the selection of spelling practice games as per the above graphic. We advise children to mix up the games they are playing to keep their spelling skills sharp.