

Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School



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What is homework?

At Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior school we view homework as being a supported or independent task which is undertaken outside of curriculum time and which reinforces, extends, or enriches current learning.

Aims

At Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior school, we appreciate how important the links between home and school are, and the need for us to work together to ensure a good education for all children. It is for this reason that we believe that it is important that children have homework set that will support learning within the classroom. Homework will be carefully planned to extend learning, enhance and reinforce skills and understanding, and allow children to consolidate and improve their skills further.

The purpose of homework:

- To extend school learning, broaden the context of learning and provide enrichment and extension.
- To enable children to practise and consolidate skills.
- To encourage children, as they get older, to develop confidence and self-discipline to study on their own.
- To enable Parents/Carers to become actively involved in their children's learning.

Homework activities

At Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior school homework will involve some or all of the following activities:

	Reading [daily]	Phonics/Spelling [weekly]	Maths [weekly]	Other subjects
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book in bookbag with Reading At Home card • Bug Club access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of weekly Tapestry Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of weekly Tapestry Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes part of weekly Tapestry Challenge
Years 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book in bookbag with Reading At Home card • Bug Club access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics and spelling challenge sent out each week and to be completed in a homework book [provided by the school]. <i>This alternates each half term e.g. Autumn 1 will be phonics and spelling and Autumn 2 will be maths.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbots access • Maths challenge sent out each week and to be completed in a homework book [provided by the school]. <i>This alternates each half term e.g. Autumn 1 will be phonics and spelling and Autumn 2 will be maths.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes part of weekly challenge
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 [HJS]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book in bookbag with Reading At Home card • Accelerated Reader access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Spelling Shed to practise set spellings, with a weekly test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times Table Rockstars • Sometimes part of weekly Seesaw Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes part of weekly Seesaw Challenge

Online platforms

Children have access to a range of online platforms to support their learning at home. Children should engage with the relevant apps for their year group [Bug Club, Numbots, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars] to consolidate their reading, spelling and maths fluency skills.

Tapestry and Seesaw

In Reception and HJS [Years 3, 4, 5 and 6] Homework linked to the current learning will be uploaded via Tapestry [Reception] or Seesaw [HJS]. This is also where we would expect to see the child's homework published. This can be done by uploading the child's work [e.g. pictures/photos] onto the appropriate online platform. The teacher will look at and "like" the child's homework once complete. If you would prefer a homework book then this reasonable adjustment can be made and the teacher would stamp the child's work when handed in. It is important to note that the challenges will not be printed and put in these books and access to Tapestry/Seesaw will still be required.

Tapestry and Seesaw challenges will be shared on a **Friday** and then need to be returned the following **Wednesday**.

Key Stage 1 Homework books

In Years 1 and 2 the weekly homework will be in an exercise book. The challenge for the week will be printed and the children will be required to complete the activity in the book provided. The teacher will look at and stamp the child's homework once complete.

This homework will also be shared on a **Friday** and then need to be returned the following **Wednesday**.

Expectations

It is the expectation that all children will at least attempt to complete homework tasks to the best of their ability. Dates for handing homework in are always made explicit by the class teacher. Children are expected to complete homework to the same high standards insisted on in class e.g. neat handwriting, accurate use of full stops and capital letters etc. In HIPS each half term the children who have completed all the homework pieces set will receive a "homework hero" certificate.

Parent/carer support

Below is a list of ways that you as a parent/carer can show your child that you value their homework and the time and effort spent completing it. As a school we hope that you will find this guidance helpful in supporting your child fully with their homework.

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place in which your child can do their homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support;
- making it clear to your child that you value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help learning;
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed work set;
- ensuring work is complete and returned to school on time;
- checking your child spends a suitable amount of time on homework.