



Dear parents and carers,

Re: Home Collaboration

As leaders we have been reviewing our curriculum which includes our homework. We work very hard in school during our school day to provide a challenging curriculum for all our pupils with accessibility for all. From feedback from staff, pupils and parents the general feeling is that the homework is not manageable for many pupils or families and is causing unnecessary stress. You can find it here: <https://www.oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk/>

Our new approach - 'Home Collaboration'

- Reading expectations remain – pupils should be **reading daily** either their phonics/reading book and be recorded in the home school book/diary
- Numbots (KS1)/ MyMaths (KS2) and Times Tables Rockstars remain for pupils **to do weekly**
- Early Years and KS1 RWI phonics practice should be **daily**, KS2 to complete spelling shed **weekly**
- Early Years and KS1 additional RWI reading on Oxford Owl
- Year 6 SATS tasks from Spring term for Year 6 pupils to do **weekly** and support transition into Secondary (CGP workbooks)
- Real PE at home and BURSTS provides meaningful home learning for EVERY child with games, activities and challenges, all aligned to the real PE curriculum, pupils are encouraged to access **weekly**.
- Experience tasks - a grid per year group of what you could do as a family e.g. visit a museum **optional**

The rationale for the change

- Pupil voice says they don't want to do/like homework
- Pupils should have time to enjoy their out of school hours
- Families state they have other home commitments such as clubs or family events
- Homework causes home struggles
- Homework ends up being completed by parents and not pupils
- Home school collaboration supports our Personal Development curriculum and family's mental health
- Support teacher workload
- Reduced stress for all - mental health and wellbeing, family time and staff

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Beesley & Mrs Kelloway

Co-Headteachers

Please find below a grid for each year group of what you could do as a family.

Pre-school

Year Group	Activities
Pre-school	Watch an animal Build a tower Play a musical instrument Listen to someone read a book Throw or kick a ball Go to the park Have a tea party or picnic with your toys Dig a hole Play with a balloon Stand on one leg Take part in a race Dress up as someone else

Reception

Year Group	Activities
R	Help a plant grow Watch a bird Cloud watching Make a bug house Walk bare foot in the grass Play in the rain Go paddling Feed ducks Go to the beach Make friends with a bug Blow bubbles Play pooh sticks

Year 1

Year Group	Activities
1	Climb a big hill Play frisbee Hug a tree Bake a cake Visit a farm Try origami Share a book with someone else Paint a picture Find a rainbow Jump in autumn leaves Make slime Hug a tree

Year 2

Year Group	Activities
2	Go to a library Watch fireworks Feed the birds Try a new food Learn to play a new game Make a boat that floats Watch a sunset Learn a magic trick Skip Go camping inside / build a den build something with mud Have fun with sticks

Year 3

Year Group	Activities
3	Teach an adult something new Learn a dance Go to a museum Help with the shopping Create art out of natural things Take a photo outside Look at the stars Build a den outside Ride a bike Create an obstacle course Make a book mark Play hopscotch

Year 4

Year Group	Activities
4	Learn a new sport Eat ice cream Go to the zoo Plan and have a picnic Make a gift for someone Make a new friend Watch a butterfly Build a dam Have fun in wintery weather Plan a treasure hunt Build a sandcastle Fly a kite

Year 5

Year Group	Activities
5	Use a map Camp in the garden / outside Have a go at ten pin bowling Fix something that is broken Help make dinner Paint rocks Climb a tree Play a board game Play 20 questions Write a song Play conkers Explore on wheels

Year 6

Year Group	Activities
6	Do something nice as a surprise Wash a car Send a postcard or a letter Fly a paper aeroplane Have a BBQ with friends Play in a park Play i-spy Watch a black and white movie Roll down a hill Skim a stone Use a compass Go on a nature walk at night