

Maths Home Learning Rationale

What are we doing to support your child's learning of Maths?

You will be provided with a weekly timetable of learning via your child(ren)'s school website on the Home Learning page. This will include 5 sessions for Maths. Although this is in line with 5 lessons per week which your child would ordinarily receive daily, we understand that due to current circumstances you may need to re-arrange the week to suit work commitments and family life and may not always get all 5 done.

There will often be a supporting video which will outline the learning, links to watch, and then activities which can be completed on paper, whiteboards, in books or whichever way you feel will work best for you and your child. You or your child(ren) will then have the opportunity to upload this learning to share with their class teacher and receive feedback through your school's chosen online platform (eg. Purple Mash, Class Dojo etc). The focus of these sessions will be on learning which has already taken place in school and learning that is the key understanding for the year group they will be in September.

Why are we doing it this way?

We recognise that supporting your child with Home Learning is difficult as a parent, especially as many mathematical concepts will be taught in a different way compared with when you were at school. We thus wanted to find a way that ensures all children have access to high quality Maths inputs whilst also supporting families in delivering these sessions. Therefore, we have opted to focus on revising and revisiting areas of Maths which are crucial to your child's understanding and which will have already been covered in some capacity in school, rather than continuing to introduce the remainder of new learning for their year group.

By doing this, we can avoid parents worrying about whether they're explaining concepts in the correct way and still ensure our children have fully mastered the key areas of learning in Maths from which they can build upon when they finally return to school. In addition, this will support children's confidence in tackling their Home Learning as they will already be familiar with the concepts and, therefore, should be able to tackle them more independently.

Finally, as these videos will be made by teachers within the White Horse Federation who teach your child's year group, we know that the concepts will be explained in a clear and engaging way. As all White Horse Federation schools follow a similar approach to teaching Maths, the style and approach of the sessions will be in a way that your child(ren) will be familiar with, regardless of which school they attend.

What can you do to support your child?

Our aim is for methods to be clearly explained and demonstrated via the online videos, allowing your role to be that of a facilitator. We hope that this will alleviate the pressures of teaching your child new methods which may differ from those taught and used in school. You may find it helpful to pause the clips at key moments and check your child is clear of the task or learning, replay videos to clarify understanding, or model/demonstrate the task to your child using the video as a guide. You may find that older children are able to work more independently, which we hope you will find supportive in current circumstances. Crucially, we hope you enjoy seeing your child(ren) engage with these resources and sharing their achievements with their teacher(s).