



Home Horizons (Home Learning)

At Elm Tree Community Primary School, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see home learning as one way of developing this partnership.

Why do we encourage home learning?

- It helps to inform and engage parents in their child's learning, development and curriculum.
- Strong home-school partnerships enhance the child's motivation, behaviour and success.
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some one to one adult time, which we know our children thrive on.
- It encourages children to take ownership of their learning, fostering skills in managing tasks independently.
- Repeated exposure and practice help make learning meaningful and encourage deeper learning.
- Encourages children to manage their own learning, building resilience and self-confidence.

Key Principles

Home Horizons will:

- Be meaningful, purposeful, and appropriate to the child's age, attainment, and individual needs.
- Promote a healthy balance between homework, play and rest.
- Have manageable tasks in time and effort.
- Provide clear instructions and support for completion.
- Be varied, including curriculum, practical activities and creative tasks.
- Continue to promote the new learning completed in school.
- Be explained clearly to Parents/ Carers.

How do we set Home Horizon activities?

- Will be set through Class Dojo.
- Will be shown through a Home Horizons web (appendix one) and contain links where needed.
- Will be set on Friday's and regularly reviewed, by the teacher, throughout the week.
- Parents/ Children can read/ check the expectations on the child's Dojo Portfolio.
- Parents/ Children can upload any work back into the Dojo Portfolio.

Weekly Home Horizons tasks will include:

- **Mathematics** e.g. Times Tables
- **English** e.g. Reading (x3 Weekly)
- **Curriculum Focus/ Project** for the week or half term. e.g. Art, Music, DT, Science or project-based tasks that encourage exploration and expression.
- **Personal Development/ Home Activities** e.g. Life skills, communication, sensory.




Monitoring and Review

- Teachers will monitor home learning completion and quality.
- Feedback will be given to children to encourage progress and engagement.
- Children will be given a Home Horizons Token each time they complete a piece of learning. Five Tokens will earn the child a prize from the class box.
- The policy will be reviewed annually, incorporating feedback from pupils, parents, and staff.

If parents/carers have any questions, queries or concerns around Home Horizons, they should make contact with the class teacher as soon as possible.

Appendix 1

Home Horizons Web

Mathematics		Curriculum/ Project
English	Elm Tree Primary School Home Horizons	Personal Development/ Home activities
	The Elm Tree Way To feel Safe, Happy, Special and have Needs Met By being Caring, Consistent and Calm at all times.	