



Hunter's Bar Infant School Home Learning Policy

2025-2026

Our Vision for Home Learning

At Hunter's Bar Infant School, we believe that home learning should be a positive and enriching experience that supports children's learning in school. Our home learning approach is designed to reinforce key concepts, enhance retrieval skills, and develop oracy and practical learning opportunities.

Weekly Home Learning Menu

- ✿ Each Friday, we will send home a **weekly menu of home learning options** that are closely linked to the week's learning in school. These activities will focus on:
- ✿ **Retrieval practice** – revisiting and recalling key knowledge to strengthen long-term memory.
- ✿ **Oracy development** – encouraging discussion, storytelling, and explanation to build confidence in speaking and listening.
- ✿ **Practical application** – reinforcing learning through hands-on and engaging activities.

Key Components of Home Learning

- ✿ **Vocabulary Reinforcement:** Revisiting key vocabulary words introduced during the week to deepen understanding and ensure retention.
- ✿ **Speaking & Listening:** Encouraging conversations about learning at home, supporting verbal expression and comprehension skills.
- ✿ **Reading Together:** We strongly encourage families to read with their child for 10-15 minutes each day. Each weekly home learning document will include top tips for supporting reading at home.
- ✿ **Balanced Wellbeing:** We understand the importance of ensuring home learning is manageable and does not interfere with a child's well-being. At ages 4-7, children can learn best through playful, engaging experiences. Our approach ensures that home learning complements family life rather than adds pressure.

The Science Behind Home Learning

Young children's brains are developing rapidly, and knowledge moves between **working memory and long-term memory** through repetition and meaningful engagement. Home learning supports this process by providing opportunities for children to revisit and apply their learning in different contexts.

Weekly Home Learning Activities

Each home learning menu will provide **six suggested activities** linked to the previous week's curriculum. These will be subject specific and will most likely take the form of:

- ✿ A retrieval-based tasks (e.g., a quiz, memory game, or discussion prompt).
- ✿ A vocabulary-focused activities (e.g., word matching, storytelling, or drawing).
- ✿ A speaking and listening challenge (e.g., describing an event, explaining a concept, or playing a conversation-based game).
- ✿ A practical, hands-on task (e.g., measuring, sorting, or exploring nature related to a topic).

- 🌟 A creative or play-based activity (e.g., role-play, arts and crafts, or building models).
- 🌟 A reading-related activity (e.g., discussing a book, predicting a story ending, or exploring new words).

Sharing Home Learning with School

There is no expectation that children share their home learning with school, however we love to see children's home learning experiences! Families can choose to share completed activities through:

- 🌟 **Seesaw** – our online learning platform where photos, videos, and messages can be uploaded.
- 🌟 **Year group email address** – for those who prefer to send learning via email.

Home learning at Hunter's Bar Infant School is designed to be enjoyable, accessible, and valuable for both children and their families. By fostering a love of learning beyond the classroom, we aim to create lifelong learners who are confident in their knowledge and communication skills.