

Promoting a Love for Learning

Our school vision is ‘to provide a happy, caring and challenging environment where children will recognise and achieve their full potential, developing a **love for learning** in an ever-changing world.’

As adults, many of us will not look back on our own school homework with the fondest of memories, for many of us it may have simply been considered as a necessary chore!

Our aim is to make home learning as exciting as possible, and stress-free for children and their parents! We recognise that many children, and families, lead very busy lives. Often, by the time they reach our juniors, our children are involved in a wider range of extra curricular and out of school activities.

Our aim is to further promote a love for learning through making home learning tasks relevant, interesting and reasonable in terms of time, whilst acknowledging the importance of steadily preparing the children for the demands of secondary school. If ever a child becomes frustrated with a home learning task then it is better to put the task to one side and speak to the class teacher than to force the issue!

In the Infants...

In the infants the main focus for children (and their parents) should be on developing a love for reading. Enjoying books with your child is one of the most rewarding joys of being a parent. This is an age where you will often find a sudden surge of confidence and notice rapid progress in terms of fluency. But remember, all children progress at different rates. Give your children lots of praise and do all that you can to make the reading experience comfortable and fun!

Support with spellings and maths cards is of great benefit to your child, but the advice is to practise these ‘little and often’ rather than for lengthy periods of time.

Our school website, along with our termly ‘welcome’ letters, gives an overview of the topics that are covered throughout the term. It is helpful to discuss these topics, visit the local library or go on a family outing to enrich or extend your child’s learning. However, remember that your children work very hard at school. A positive work-life balance is also vital for your child. Our simple advice is to nurture their interests and pick up on the areas that motivate your child most as an individual, whilst valuing all the things that you would naturally do as a family. Walks, trips to the park and time spent with friends and family are equally important and such activities should never be under-estimated in terms of their educational value!

Junior Learning Logs

Learning Logs give the children a choice of three activities for home learning. Our children have produced some inspiring work through their learning logs over the past couple of years, and the vast majority of our children enjoy the element of choice.

Ordinarily, tasks should take no longer than half an hour, or forty minutes in Year 6 (although some children choose to spend more time if they’re particularly interested in a learning log challenge. Sometimes children choose to do more than just one of the tasks.

This is fine if the children are really motivated through a task, but we also encourage children to reflect on the time spent and develop their ability to manage their own time. (At secondary school it would be impossible to spend two or three hours on each piece of homework!)

Some children can be ‘perfectionists.’ It is lovely to see care taken over a task, and for tasks to be well presented, but it is important to keep a sense of perspective and **BETTER TO MAKE THE ODD MISTAKE THAN TO START ALL OVER AGAIN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS CAUSES ANXIETY OR FRUSTRATION.** Time spent on home learning should ideally be reasonable, enjoyable and stress free!



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