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Introduction

We appreciate how important the links between home and school are, and the need for us to work together to ensure a good education for your children. It is for this reason that we believe that it is important that children begin to bring learning home throughout their Primary journey.

This enables you to help your child to learn and for them to see parents and teachers working together. As the children get older and go on to secondary school, the 'learning ethic' should be confidently established and seen as a matter of course.

Our approach to home learning varies throughout the school, according to the age of the child and what they are learning. The one thing that remains constant throughout is the fact that it can only benefit the child if we have your support.

Home Learning Books

Each child in Reception and KS1 has a home learning book which is issued to the child at the beginning of each year. The book is a very important way for both you, your child and your child's teacher to communicate about the learning which is taking place in school. Each week there will be a learning sticker or a written description which will explain what your child is learning. Any comments on the learning that has taken place at home can be written in this book. All Home Learning Journals will be acknowledged each week and any comments you wish to make will be followed up by the class teacher. The journal will be sent home each Thursday with new learning and

should return to school by the following Tuesday.

In KS2 home learning will be outlined on a document in each child's individual file on BGFL. Electronic learning conversations, which are attached to the document will be used for children and teachers to comment. Parents can also comment through this, or the contactus email if it is more appropriate.

Year Group Expectations

The following is a schedule that you can expect our school to adopt. There will inevitably be occasions when homework is not set owing to particular changing circumstances.

Foundation Stage

Nursery

We value parent's contributions from home and encourage parents to share key moments of their child's learning and development regularly through the use of Tapestry. Children are also encouraged to share learning from home through regular show and tell.

Reception

English

Home reading routines are introduced during the first half-term. Phonics activity / Spelling books

Maths

Maths learning will be given at intervals throughout the year to support learning in class where appropriate.

Knowledge and Understanding Focus

An overview of the topics provides parents with themes to pursue at home. Children are encouraged to show interest and initiative in following up weekly ideas at home e. This prompts children to carry simple messages end discuss their learning at home.

Key Stage 1

English Daily home reading

Weekly spellings are given on spelling shed

Weekly phonics activity to supplement spelling learning

Numeracy Weekly practice of mental maths recall

Other learning As part of our teaching we may children to undertake

supplementary activities on occasion which they can

share with the rest of the class.

Key Stage 2

Reading Daily home reading – 30 mins daily

Spelling Weekly spellings are given on spelling shed

Mental Maths On-going practice of mathematical recall facts such as

number bonds or times tables

Other learning As part of our teaching we may children to undertake

supplementary activities on occasion which they can

share with the rest of the class.

Year 6 will have supplementary activities to prepare them for their Key Stage 2 Sats.



