

How to use the Home Learning Diary with your child...

Reading

⇒ Encourage your child to read **EVERY DAY.**

This makes a huge difference to their learning and progress. **Children need to learn to read BEFORE they can read to learn.**

Reading underpins all aspects of learning.



⇒ Use the Home Learning Diary to record when your child has read at home.

⇒ You can add in the date, title of the book and words of praise for your child as a record of their achievement.

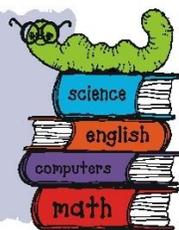
⇒ If you find a book is too easy or too difficult, see your child's class teacher.

⇒ Teachers will have an opportunity to look at the home learning diaries once a week within guided reading.

⇒ Children can earn rewards for 50, 100, 150, 200 and 250 nights' reading! (See certificates at the back of the diary).



Home Learning



Phonics/Key Words/ Spellings

⇒ Another important aspect of your child's home learning is to practise phonics/key words or spellings.

⇒ Try and keep this fun—you could make up games such as hide and seek with key words or allow your child to be the teacher.

⇒ Use everyday opportunities to practise, such as naming sounds/spellings when at the supermarket, in the car or in the bath!

⇒ Children can also practice spellings, key words and phonics by recording in their homework book.

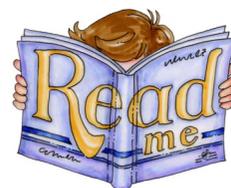
⇒ You can sign and add a comment when your child has taken part in these activities at home.



Other Home Learning

⇒ If your child has completed Pick and Mix homework, you can also note this in their Home Learning Diary with words of praise. We want to be able to recognise and celebrate the work that your child does at home.

⇒ Home Learning really does make a big difference to your child's progress.



Times Tables



⇒ For children in Years 1 to 6, there is also space for them to record when they have practised their times tables or number work.

⇒ Sign the diary, add words of praise and add what they practised.

⇒ Your child can record any times tables practice in their homework books.

Other resources in your child's Home Learning Diary...

- ◆ Number lines/hundred square
- ◆ Phonics picture/sound sheets
- ◆ Key word lists
- ◆ Spelling lists
- ◆ Maths resources
- ◆ Maps and solar system (Key Stage 2)
- ◆ Mini white board (back page)
- ◆ Ruler (back cover)



We hope you enjoy using your new Home Learning Diary! Keep up the good work and aim high and fly in your home learning!

