



**St. Paul's C/E Infant School
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Home Learning

Purpose

At St Paul's we recognise that Home learning can play a vital role in raising standards and maintaining good home/school links. It is when home and school work in partnership that home learning will make the greatest contribution to learning. We hope that involving parents with home learning will develop this partnership.

What is the purpose of Home Learning?

In order to extend the concept of traditional homework and to provide a more varied and fulfilling range of tasks, the term Home Learning has been adopted. Its purposes include practicing and further developing learnt skills, preparing for future learning and developing good study habits.

How much time should be spent on Home Learning

As a guide, children should spend between 5 and 20 minutes, four to five times a week.

School recognises and values the importance of other out of school activities e.g. cubs, brownies, football training, dancing, swimming lessons etc, and also greatly values the place for physical activity, relaxation and opportunities for the development of the child's own hobbies and interests.

Children who are taking part in additional programmes in school, will receive additional home learning.

Core Home Learning Activities at St Paul's

- Home Reader Books (At least 3 times a week, ideally 5)
- Library Books (Aim to change at least every two weeks)
- Word Recognition work and Spelling (Word Walls/ Word Rockets) (At least 3 times a week, ideally 5)
- Talk Homework – Talking about a theme and learning new vocabulary

Further Partnership in learning

Every Friday, classteachers send home a summary of the teaching that has taken place in the classroom that week so that parents can talk to their children about what they have been learning. This summary will also include some additional ideas for parents to support with home learning.

Prior to a new topic being undertaken, classteachers will send home topic plans and ideas of activities which will support the children's learning.

Useful Extension Activities and Websites

We recognise that some children and parents may wish to extend home learning and can recommend the following:-

- abcJoinedUp (a handwriting app)
- ICTgames.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/

However, most importantly we ask parents to read to their child every day, even when a child can read to him/herself. This not only helps children to love books and reading but also helps them to learn new words and phrases Children will hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try them out.

Why not register your child at the local library (Ash Library) and borrow books to enjoy

If a parent has a concern about a child's home learning, the first point of contact should be the classteacher.