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YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

HOW CAN WE HELP OUR CHILD TO LEARN AT HOME?



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PARENTS/CARERS...

This guide will provide useful information to help your child to understand how they will learn at home and where support can be found.

Children are learning all the time, not just reading and mathematics, but new experiences and new challenges. We would love to be able to see the amazing things that your child is achieving while at home. You can use Tapestry to send in any photographs or pieces of work that your child has done.

We will celebrate the children's hard work with them in school and it would be great for you to share and celebrate their learning experiences at home too!

WEEKLY HOME LEARNING...

Every Friday, your child's class teacher will set home learning using Tapestry. It is really important that you share this with your child.

There will be activities you can complete at home that help reinforce your child's learning from the week. When you have completed these activities you can comment or send photos back, using Tapestry.

Each week, in class, we spend time sharing what the children have done at home with the rest of the children in their class.

Teachers will then be able to see how your child is learning and what more they can do to support, both in class and at home.



WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD HAS TO ISOLATE FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME?

Through the use of Tapestry, we will continue to support with activities that you can do with your child at home.

But to aid and support this, we have put some further guidance together.



MANAGING THE DAY...

Spending quality time together is a really important part of learning at home. We have created a timetable to support you while your child may not be in school.

This doesn't mean you must do everything on the list; you know what works best for your child.

Try to avoid having the TV on as this will become a distraction from your child's learning.



SUGGESTED TIMETABLE...

Activity	What this might look like
Eat breakfast together	Eat breakfast together as a family where possible. Talk about what you are going to do during the day and ask them about what they would like to do.
Get dressed	It is really important that the children master getting changed as we have to do this for PE and outdoor learning. Can your child master getting dressed on their own? Maybe try adding one extra item each day, starting with socks.
Learning time	Your child's class teacher will set lots of work for your child while they are absent from school; this doesn't mean it all needs completing in one day. Space out the activities with some of your own. Maybe you could try baking, do some art work or go on a nature walk. Any activities that you have done, either school's or your own, can be shared on Tapestry as this helps teachers know how your child is getting on.
Make lunch	Get your child to help you make a healthy lunch. Include some of their favourites but also include something new. It is important children try a range of foods when they are young.
Story	Share a story with your child – maybe choose a chapter book and share a chapter every day. We would love to hear some of the stories you share with your child – this can be done on Tapestry.

OUTDOOR LEARNING...

Outdoors is one of the best places for your child to learn. Wrap them up warm and walk round a local park or to the shops.

You can talk to them about:

- how the weather is changing and how that links to different seasons;
- the different types of trees, habitats and animals that they can spot.

Your child's teacher will also share some activities that your child can complete outside.



HOW DO I FIND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT MY CHILD'S LEARNING?

Your child's class teacher will upload new learning activities on to Tapestry each Friday.

You can like, make a comment or post a video or photo to show what you have been learning together.

You will receive comments and likes from the team about the learning that you share.

Year 2 children will also have access to Spelling Shed to practise their spellings with fun games and challenges.

Spelling Shed 

(YEAR 2 ONLY) <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb>



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

<https://tapestryjournal.com>



1 Try to set up a routine

Young children love to follow a routine. They start to understand what will happen next and look forward to their day!

2 Enjoy yourselves

We all learn much better when we are enjoying what we are doing. If it is not much fun, change and do something else and perhaps come back to that piece of learning a bit later, or call school for some advice on how to do it differently.

4 Stay connected

Please call or email if you need any help or just to have a conversation about how your child's home learning is going. We will keep in touch through Tapestry but if you would rather call that would be great.

5 Be kind to yourself

Remember, you don't need to fill every minute of every day!

Use the daily routine to think about what you already do as a family and celebrate this with us on Tapestry!

It is OK to have days off timetable to just go and explore.

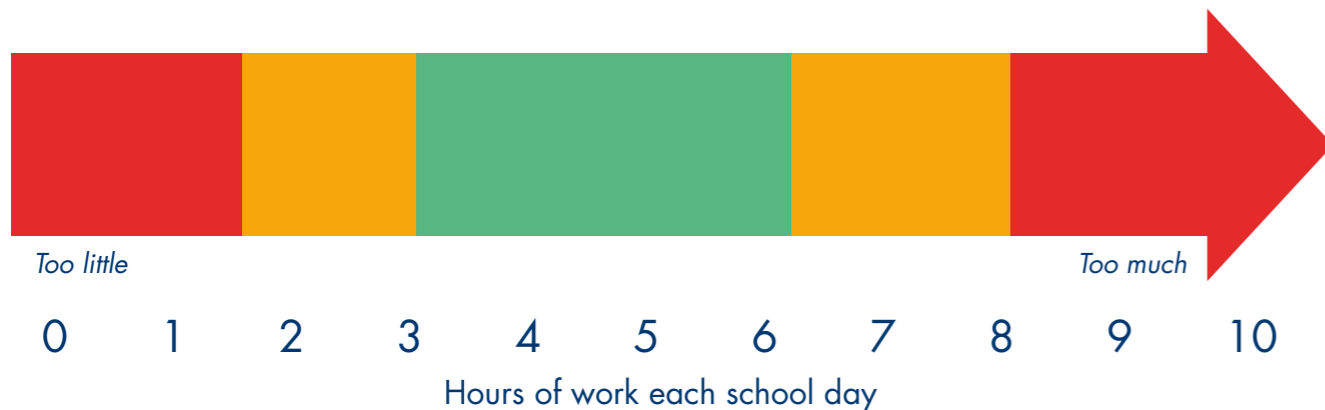
3 Use outdoors

We have already said outdoors is a great place to learn; there is more space and children get a sense of freedom and talk more when they are outside in the fresh air. If you can, get outside as much as possible.



HOW MUCH WORK SHOULD I EXPECT MY CHILD TO DO EACH DAY?

We do not set a maximum or minimum amount of time, but the arrow below may be a useful guide to parents and pupils.



Remember, this can include activities that you have planned yourself as well as activities from your child's class teacher. It can also include sharing breakfast and lunch together.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE...

If you have any concerns relating to keeping safe at home or online, please use the links below for support.

A useful site that can help with parental controls is <https://internetmatters.org/parental-controls>

NCA: Think You Know www.thinkuknow.co.uk

NCA(CEOP) provides lots of information about helping your children to stay safe online. You can report online concerns to them.

NSPCC

You can ring the NSPCC Helpdesk to report concerns and get advice if you are concerned your child is being exploited. They are available 24 hours a day on **0800 800 5002**.

Parents Protect www.parentsprotect.co.uk

Information and resources which give adults the information, advice, support and facts they need to help protect children.

HELP AND SUPPORT....

WHERE CAN I ACCESS FURTHER SUPPORT IF I AM STRUGGLING WITH SHAREPOINT?

Contact us at school for support on **01522 882900** or **generalenquiries@priorywitham.co.uk**

HOW CAN I SPEAK TO MY CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER?

Use the contact details above and your child's class teacher will get back to you as soon as they are available.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE SCHOOL SENDCO?

Use the contact details above and the SENDCO, **Mrs Phipps-Smith**, will contact you at her earliest convenience.

I AM FINDING THE WORK FOR MY CHILD TOO HARD/EASY, WHO DO I CONTACT?

The first port of call is your child's class teacher by using the e-mail address or telephone number above. You can also contact your child's phase leader, **Mr Wray**, in the same way and he will get in touch with you as soon as he can.





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