Home Learning

Working with your child at home may seem a bit daunting in terms of keeping them occupied and balancing time out. At school, we find keeping to routines a very helpful way of keeping children focused and balancing out formal learning time with relaxation. This also applies to keeping fairly regular bedtimes and getting up times to keep things are 'normal' as possible.

This may help you – or you may choose to set your own timetable! There is lots of advice and suggestions online if this doesn't really suit you. Timings will also vary depending on the age of your child – for children in Nursery and Reception the amount of time they can focus on something will be very different to children in years 5 or 6.

	7:30-9:00am Getting ready	Time to get up, washed, have breakfast and get dressed. Talk about the day ahead and ideas for activities.
	9:00am Reading and Writing	At school we start the day with some reading activities. This could be reading a book / newspaper / magazine / using online resources such as online news or BugClub. After this, perhaps you could think about some writing. Could your child/ren write or draw something about the book they read? Could they choose a writing activity in their home learning from school?
	10:30am	Time for a break and perhaps a snack. Is there an opportunity for your child to get active? Could they do some jogging / dancing if you are in the house? Is there a possibility to get outside for skipping / jumping / running?
	11:00am Maths	There are lots of resources that can be accessed online to help your children get quicker at number facts, and the school will have sent some activities home. Try the BBC website and Times Table Rockstars among others. Could you do some 'real life' maths together such as weighing ingredients for lunch or counting coins out and playing shops?
LUNCH	12:00 Lunch and playtime	Could your child help to prepare the lunch, clear up and wash up? For playtime, is there a chance to get active again? Or could your child chose an activity they enjoy such as drawing / colouring
	Afternoon	At school, we tend to do more of the creative subjects in the afternoon. As well as project ideas we have sent home, some other suggestions for ideas at home could be: -junk modelling something out of old boxes/containers -researching a famous person and presenting the information they found -going on a hunt for natural items outside and using to create some art work -arts and crafts – drawing/colouring/painting/creating -Science such as freezing / melting, looking at plants and animals in or out of the house
	End of the day	It is important to think about when to end the day and separate home time.