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Talking Homework and Literacy & Numeracy Home Resources

Dear Parent / Carer

Talking Homework

Over the last school year, we have been trialling Talking Homework. Rather than the 'normal' format of homework, this involves a change to discussing a particular theme or 'big question' with your child. Our feedback from parents and children has been very positive and we will now begin using this format for homework with the whole school from time to time; you will be advised in advance when this is the case by your class teacher. This week will be our first whole school Talking Homework and the theme for discussion is:

Which strategies help you when you are learning about reading and about maths?

The documents explained below will be an important part of this first week's discussions with your child and we hope the following short video will also support this. You may choose to watch the video with your child before doing the Talking Homework:

<https://youtu.be/Jk1wJtYuc-s>

The link below will also provide more general information about the purpose of Talking Homework and a paper copy of this leaflet has been sent home today for every family:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2018/10/Talking-Homework-Parental-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Literacy & Numeracy Home Resources

Last session we spent time talking to our families about how we can support learning at home. As a result, we ran sessions at our Parent Curriculum Workshops Evening in May 2018:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/curriculum/curriculum-evenings/curriculum-evening-2018/>

In addition, we have put together a range of documents in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, which we hope will be of value to you and your children when learning together at home. Every child in school has been given a strategies bookmark and every family (eldest sibling) is receiving a set of

leaflets/ brochures today. These have been designed to support core learning activities as part of homework and we hope that the paper copies will be helpful as an ongoing aid. Electronic copies of these documents are also available through our website:

Literacy Parental Guides:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2018/10/Strategies-Book-Mark.pdf>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2018/10/Reading-Strategies-and-Active-Approaches-Parental-Booklet.pdf>

Numeracy Parental Guides:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2018/10/Giffnock-Primary-Core-Numeracy-Skills-Parental-Booklet.pdf>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2018/05/Number-Talks-Parental-Guide-and-Engagement-2018.pdf>

Videos to support home learning activities

Finally, some of our children have been involved with creating the following videos. We hope that these will be interesting for you to watch in giving families ideas for conversations about reading at home:

<https://youtu.be/UjHudEN6pzw>

https://youtu.be/ichcKHV9X_4

If you have any questions about this information please just contact us through the school office. As a lot of effort has gone into the preparation of these materials, we would also value any feedback that you and your children may have.

Yours sincerely,



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