**St Albert’s Primary Home Learning August 2024**

**Introduction**

We at St Albert’s believe that education is a partnership between pupils, parents and school. Children work hard in school, and the learning experiences are suited to learning styles. This can include; inquiry-based learning, active learning, learning outside, inside, using technology, quiet focussed tasks etc. There are so many ways that your children learn.

This is the same at home. Your children are learning all the time in all of their activities, clubs, conversations, games, experiences and interactions with you and others. They are growing and learning about the world around them. Many of our children are also faithful and spend time on their faith outside of school, attending classes and reading the Quran. We are always so proud of this devotion.

Children should have leisure time, physical activity and work time as this sets a healthy balance in their lives. However, part of this balance can be home/school learning. As children move through education homework and home study will become more essential.

Home learning given to you by school should never be new learning it should be a chance for children to practice what has been learned in school or show you the new skills they have learned.

It is also important to agree that home learning is **not compulsory**, you do not have to complete the home learning. Especially if this becomes a source of stress at home. Teachers will acknowledge homework, may provide feedback but will not correct it. We will provide answers where necessary.

**Please take your children out to play as often as possible, even in the rain. This is where they learn the most.**

**Your advice**

You have told us that this is what you are looking for.

* Home Learning for Maths and Literacy related to current learning
* More opportunities for presentation of learning
* Consistent home learning across the school
* Learning that is appropriate – high expectations for all

While we hope that learning will be consistent across the school different classes do different topics at different times so there may be variation in home learning.

**What you should expect**

Weekly you should have this from school:

* A home learning Jotter
* Maths/Number activities on See Saw for you to copy into a jotter or a worksheet
* Reading book
* Literacy activity

Also, there may be times when children are given a research or more creative project to complete at home.



**Please make sure you spend no longer than 20 minutes on the more formal home learning tasks.**

**Other Information**

Other home learning

Home learning activities will take place in various forms such as; joint family activities, consolidation activities, challenge worksheets, spellings, topic tasks, research and projects.

Reading

Reading is important at any stage of a child’s development and it is vital that young children are read to and with as well as reading or attempting to read for themselves. At the start of the reading process, especially, children may be encouraged to make up stories to go with the pictures until they can tackle print. It is essential that an enjoyment of books is seen as an integral part of reading. Please read to your children.

Tips for sharing books

* Make a special place to read and share the book with your child.
* Enjoy laughing at some of the funny parts with your children.
* Talk about what is happening in the picture. This will help your child to make sense of the story.
* Help bring the book to life – paint / draw pictures of your child’s favourite characters and make up other stories about them together.
* Enjoy reading

Other activities

As a school, we also believe that many activities undertaken by parents and carers at home, provide valuable support for the children’s learning.

These include:

* Playing games with children such as board games, puzzles and word games (These encourage taking turns, sharing, concentration and listening and logical thinking)
* Cooking (especially with the weighing and measuring)
* Writing lists, notes and letters
* Talking and discussing events