

**Home Learning @Abbey Primary**

At Abbey Primary School we believe that having a positive relationship with learning will have an impact on attainment and achievement. Positive links between home and school are fostered through a welcoming, supportive ethos. Staff are committed to providing exciting, differentiated learning experiences for pupils across the curriculum. Our pupils are motivated to learn in innovative ways. As a staff we have taken on board the views of our families and adapted our home learning policy to suit the needs of the development of our pupils as a whole person and to support families in their role as the first educator of the child.

**Aims**

* Work in partnership with parents as the first educators of the child to promote good learning behaviour and family learning
* Ensure that children are encouraged in their curiosity and inquisition through open-ended home learning activities
* Allow for adaptable and varied home learning activities to ensure progression
* Encourage parents/carers to ask questions in an informal way.
* Offer experiences for children to learn with parents/carers/families throughout the school session across a range of curricular areas and through incorporating life skills
* Promote the views of children by consulting them on homework throughout the school session
* Provide opportunities for children to share home
* Acknowledge the pressures of family life by allowing some home learning tasks to be optional and offer appropriate support where needed
* Foster a community approach to learning through focusing on whole school home learning tasks: Health Week home learning tasks etc
* Promote engagement with extra-curricular activities which promote individual skills and talents
* Implementation Early Level – P1 (15mins max per night)
	+ P1 home learning will develop through the course of the school session, beginning with simple tasks related to talk, health and wellbeing and early literacy/numeracy skills. This will progress into the formal setting of early reading skills through phonics activities, tricky words games and simple reading books
	+ Numeracy and maths challenges will be set by class teachers in relation to maths outcomes covered in class maths lessons
* First Level – P2, P3, P4
	+ Numeracy and maths challenges will be set by class teachers in relation to maths outcomes already covered in class maths lessons.
	+ Home learning tasks will focus on both curricular links and age appropriate life skills which promote independence, growth mindset, mental wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle.
	+ Literacy challenges will be set regularly and may include reading and writing, no spelling activities will be issued as this should be taught in class.
	+ Should class teachers have any cause for concern in terms of a child’s progress and/or attainment record, they will offer appropriate support materials to families in order to offer helpful support.
* Second Level – P5, P6, P7
	+ Numeracy and maths challenges will be set by class teachers in relation to maths outcomes already covered in class maths lessons.
	+ Home learning tasks will focus on both curricular links and age appropriate life skills which promote independence, growth mind-set, mental wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle – this may include tasks which focus on personal research in relation to a topic.
	+ Literacy challenges will be set regularly and may include reading and writing
	+ Should class teachers have any cause for concern in terms of a child’s progress and/or attainment record, they will offer appropriate support materials to families in order to offer helpful support.
	+ Health and Wellbeing/topic activities will be optional and promote family learning opportunities.
* *Homework for P1-P3 will be issued via seesaw, however all children will be issued a homework jotter to complete their work in*
* Spelling will not be issued as a homework task as this should be taught in class
* **All** homework will be issued on a Tuesday across the school. Homework should be submitted on a Monday by pupils
* P1-P3 will receive reading books home
* P4-P7 will be encouraged to read for enjoyment with a variety of reading tasks. Children may take home a book from school
* A termly class newsletter will be issued so parents are aware of the main learning being covered for the term