 

C:\Users\Lindsay\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YV3JDYJ8\MC900423171[1].wmfSome of the best learning occurs in everyday life eg. helping in the kitchen, out shopping, playing games, family outings. These provide opportunities for personal interests. Research indicates that a child’s progress is enhanced when family activities support the learning process.

Learning never ends and if you would like to develop your literacy skills further, help for this is available through the Adult Learning and Literacies service:

(01505) 335873 - Beith Road, West Johnstone Shared Campus

**Home Learning**

**at**

**Woodlands Primary School**

At Woodlands we give our children the opportunity to practise using and applying newly gained knowledge, skills and abilities that they will need for the 21st Century, enabling them to become lifelong learners. We want them to appreciate that learning is not just a 9am to 3pm activity but continues through life. Part of this is to develop a shared understanding that learning is not something that is done to you, but something that each learner must take responsibility for.

We recognise the importance that parents/carers play in their child’s learning and value this home/school partnership.

We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child’s growth and development and whilst homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in other activities that play a vital part in their lives. We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at school, and we believe they develop their skills, interests and talents to the full when parents encourage them to make maximum use of the experiences and opportunities that are available in/outside of school. Our home learning therefore is flexible so that it can be completed at a family’s convenience.

Our class teachers will make professional judgements as to the design and organisation of their own homework system to suit their class. All homework set will show clearly what pupils are expected to do and when the homework is due to be returned. If you or your child is in any way confused please let the teacher know. Termly newsletters will inform parents/carers on the types of tasks and activities planned that term. Home learning will also be an integral part of discussions at our November and April Parents’ Meetings.

We intend to reduce home learning tasks in the summer term to allow the children to take advantage of the better weather and uptake of outdoor learning opportunities.

Our **focus** for home learning will be consolidation of key literacy and numeracy skills :- number bonds, tables facts, spelling rules, recreational reading, handwriting etc as confidence and ability in these areas will help equip children with a powerful tool for learning across the curriculum. The number of tasks will vary according to the age and stage of each child, with children gaining increasing responsibility and setting their own learning agendas as they become older.

 **Suggested websites to support Home Learning:**

[**http://www.topmarks.co.uk**](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[**http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk**](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk)

[**http://www.ictgames.com**](http://www.ictgames.com)

[**http://www.crickweb.co.uk**](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

[**http://www.primaryresources.co.uk**](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

[**http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk**](http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk)

[**http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

Please let us know if you find any good websites to share.