

TROON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EYC



PARENT INFORMATION GUIDES

Throughout the session we will issue a range of different information leaflets to help support learning at home and provide a variety of helpful information.

We strongly believe in creating a positive partnership with all our families, as we know that working together helps children to learn and enables parents to feel confident in promoting learning at home. Family learning also encourages positive attitudes to lifelong learning, helping all our children achieve the highest standards possible.

It is our aim to ensure you are fully aware of the types of learning taking place within our Early Years Centre and School, and how best to support your child/children in their learning.

Curricular Maps outlining the learning and teaching for each class will provide class specific information each term too.

All information guides will also be available on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Aileen Roan

HEAD TEACHER



Help your child with spelling

Different media

Provide different media for children to write and make marks with e.g. paint and paintbrushes, chunky markers on large paper, chalk on the pavement or patio, dry-wipe markers on the mirror or using fingers in shaving foam, or custard. You could also encourage children to explore making marks on a computer or tablet device.

Flashcards

Have flashcards, letter tiles or similar items around for children to use to spell out words.

Make a copy

Children could copy out the spelling list in alphabetical order or from shortest to longest.

Grab a dictionary

Have a dictionary to hand for looking up unfamiliar words

Narrow it down

Narrow down long lists and focus on 4 to 5 at a time.

Get moving

Use physical activity - for each letter of the word get children to do a star jump, walk up or down a step, touch their toes etc.

Games

Make the list into a game - try playing hangman, making word searches or coming up with crosswords.

Shout out

Encourage your child to spell words out loud on long car journeys or when walking to school.

Encourage your child to read.
Good readers are often good spellers!

Help your child with



reading

I spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Be seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Go online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!

Help your child with



maths

I spy

...make a game of spotting shape and patterns in real life

Get tools

...make tools like rulers, weighing scales, calculators and measuring tapes easily accessible around the house.

Use games

...encourage games such as card games or board games that involve counting or patterns.

Cook up a storm

...use measuring out ingredients to reinforce maths skills.

Ask questions

...ask questions comparing real life things. Which do you think is... the tallest, the smallest, the heaviest, the longest, the fastest, the most expensive?

Talk about it

...find out what skills are being taught in maths lessons and for homework. Be sure to ask about how answers were worked out!

Go online

...look online & in app stores for appropriate number and problem-solving games.

Out and about

When shopping count up the shopping and count out change together.

Involve maths in everyday life.

Money, cooking, music, computers, art, construction etc...

any real life situation!