



Dear Parents and Carers,

Supporting Learning at Home September 2022

The most important way in which you can help your child's education is by supporting them to become a fluent reader who enjoys books and encouraging them to read as often and as widely as possible. We will send home a range of books for you to read with and to your child and for them to read to you and children are also encouraged to read their own books and borrow books from Gamesley Library. Do sign your child's reading diary whenever they read to you or you read to them so that we can reward your children with books from the school bookshop.

We also encourage you to support your child in practising basic skills – spellings, maths facts and handwriting. We subscribe to several on-line learning platforms: Lexia, Doodle Maths, Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots which your child can also access at home. If you do not have a suitable device at home, you can arrange for your child to borrow their school Chromebook. Just pop into the school office to sign the loan agreement and we will send it home with them. Your child's class teacher will be in touch with you about arrangements for spelling and times tables tests in class.

Your child's class teacher will also be communicating with you regularly throughout the year via Class Dojo; sharing the learning in class, posing questions for you to discuss at home and setting challenges for your children. Do send messages and photographs back to us about any home learning and we will make sure we share them with the class and sometimes add them to the class story for everyone to see.

Finally, we hope that everyone will get involved with "Family Project Learning" which is linked to the wider curriculum in all classes and may involve a range of subjects including history, geography and science. Home learning ideas will be shared at the start of each project and families will be encouraged to complete a minimum of 3 activities from the ideas we send home. Again, we will share these via Class Dojo, but will also invite parents and carers into school each term to spend time in class working alongside your children.

Our History, Geography and Science Learning Projects are outlined below and you can find out more information about these and other subjects your children will be learning, on the school website.

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Orchard	Me and my Community Exploring Autumn	Once Upon a Time Sparkle and Shine	Starry Night Winter Wonderland	Dangerous Dinosaurs Puddles and Rainbows	Sunshine and Sunflowers Shadows and Reflections	Big Wide World Splash!
Reception	Let's Explore Build it Up	Marvellous Machines Puppets and Pop-Ups	Long Ago Stories and Rhymes	Ready Steady Grow Signs of Spring	Animal Safari Creep, Crawl and Wriggle	On the Beach Move It
Year 1	Childhood Materials / Senses Our Wonderful World		Bright Lights, Big City Seasons		School Days Plants and Animals	
Year 2	Movers and Shakers Human Survival Habitats Lets Explore the World		Coastline Materials Plant Survival		Magnificent Monarchs Animal Survival	
Year 3	Through the Ages Skeletons and Muscles		Rocks, Relics and Rumbles Forces and Magnets		Emperors and Empires Plants	

	One Planet, our World		Light and Shadow
Year 4	Invasion Digestive System Sound Interconnected World	Misty Mountain, Winding River States of Matter Grouping and Classifying	Ancient Civilisations Electricity
Year 5	Dynamic Dynasties Forces and Mechanisms Earth and Space Investigating our World	Sow, Grow and Farm Human Reproduction and Aging	Ground Breaking Greeks Properties and Changes of Materials
Year 6	Maafa Circulatory System Our Changing World	Frozen Kingdoms Electrical Circuits	Britain at War Light Theory Evolution and Inheritance

Suggested Weekly Home Learning Programme by Year Group			
Years 5/6	Reading minimum of 5 x each week for 30 minutes	Lexia 15 minutes 3 x each week Doodle Maths or Times Tables Rockstars 15 minutes 3 x each week	Home Learning Projects as set
Years 3/4	Reading minimum of 5 x each week for 20 minutes	Lexia 15 minutes 2 x each week Doodle Maths or Times Tables Rockstars 15 minutes 2 x each week	Home Learning Projects as set
Years 1/2	Reading minimum of 6 x each week for 15/20 minutes – 10 minutes book and 10 minutes bedtime story	Lexia 10 minutes 2 x each week Numbots 10 minutes 2 x each week	Home Learning Projects as set
Reception	Reading minimum of 6 x each week for 20 minutes, initially “Share a Story” and later 10 minutes phonics “Book Bag” book and 10 minutes bedtime story		Home Learning Projects when set

Teachers will soon be sending a list of ideas of activities you can complete at home to support your child’s learning for their first topic. They will also share more ideas with you on their class webpages and let you know when completed homework tasks should be brought into school. Please don’t hesitate to pop in and ask staff for any help or ideas.

We hope you enjoy being involved with your child’s learning at home.

Kindest Regards,

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