

# How can I help my child to learn at home?

## Phase 2 Home Learning

Home learning is important for your child as it backs up what they have been learning at school, helps them practice skills needed to be a successful learner and to prepares them for learning in school. Over two weeks your child should be doing...

- 5 minutes reading every day;
- One piece of maths;
- One talk home task.

Talk to your child about their learning at school, this will help them to remember new skills they are learning.

## Reading

Reading is very important at this stage in your child's learning. You can help your child to be a more confident reader with just a few little things over the week...

- Your child reads a book;
- You read to your child;
- Read labels, signs and notices.

Always find something your child is interested in, be it magazines, comics or books of their own; it all helps to develop a more confident, happy reader.

Questions such as 'What have you learnt today?' or 'Did you ask any good questions today?' or 'Show me how you did that?' are sometimes more effective than 'What did you do today?'

Also providing your child with a routine as well as a quiet space to focus on their learning is really helpful!

If you're unsure of any of the approaches your child has been asked to take then by all means discuss this with your child's teacher. Alternatively you may find the answer in the Parent Area of our website – [www.woodthorpeprimary.co.uk](http://www.woodthorpeprimary.co.uk). This has some particularly helpful tips, especially for helping your child with reading and maths!

## Why?

Home learning is a proven way of children enhancing and reinforcing their school based learning.

It helps to build skills and habits required they will need to meet the deadlines they will face at secondary school and in their working life. Children are often very proud of their achievements and to reinforce these positives builds confidence, self-esteem and this helps them to make accelerated progress.

## Social Skills

It is vital that you encourage your child to become independent and organised. As they mature children enjoy taking greater responsibility but will often need help in doing this! Help them to carry out simple tasks themselves – packing their bag, tidying their room and even (on occasions) making their own packed lunch! If a child can carry out these simple tasks themselves, they are better prepared to face other challenges that may come their way!

Good attendance is also vital for your child. Regular absences lead to disrupted learning. Please endeavour to send your child to school **every day!**

It is also vital that your child gets enough sleep! A tired child finds it incredibly difficult to learn. Research shows that children of this age should have a minimum of 10 hours sleep. Children are very active during the day, they are growing fast and so they need plenty of rest!!



### Anything else I can do?

Other things you can do to help your child with their learning is

Encourage them to talk about what they have been doing at school, then get them to find out more about their learning on the internet or at the library.

Practice times tables; at this stage they should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, but need to know them all eventually.

Read something every day; even reading instructions on games can help!

### What will school do to help?

If you have any concerns regarding any aspects of your child's learning, **please** come to talk it through with us at school!

The first port of call would always be your child's teacher however if you would like to discuss the matter with anyone else then that's fine!

Below is a list of people you may wish to meet!

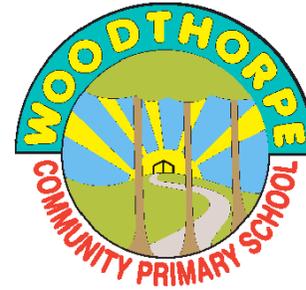
Dave Smith – Headteacher

Karen Bister – Deputy Head

Carol Clarke – Special Needs Co ordinator

Claire Daley – Educational Welfare Officer

If you wish to meet any of these people, simply enquire at main reception and they will make an appointment for you! Drop in or call us on 01142399167.



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