

Funtime in the Early Years Reception



A guide to help you and your child explore areas of
the Foundation Stage curriculum

Monks Orchard Primary School

Homework Policy

We, at Monks Orchard, believe that homework is important because it provides an opportunity for children to:

- Consolidate and reinforce skills and ideas learned in the classroom to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve basic skills, eg reading, tables, number bonds etc.
- Extend classroom skills into the wider world and relate learning to their lives.
- Share experiences learned at school with parents and siblings, so developing effective home-school partnership.
- Prepare for independent study by developing the skills of self-discipline and confidence.
- Enjoy learning in an active way through games, puzzles and discussions.

Why Help at Home?

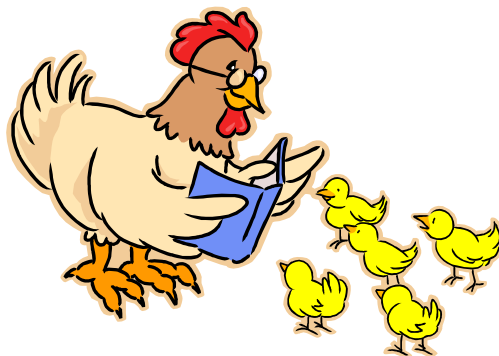
The parent is a child's first teacher. School and home should work together to foster the child's full development in learning.



READING at Home

Sharing a quiet time with your child each day is worthwhile and enjoyable.

Keeping reading as a fun activity is the key to success.



LEARNING to Enjoy POETRY at Home

Each week a poem will be sent home to share with your child.

These reinforce topics studied within the class.



LEARNING to Read WORDS at Home

High frequency words are sent home regularly. We would like you to encourage your child to practice recognition of these words by playing games.

LEARNING SHOULD BE FUN!

How Can You Help Your Child?

Your child chooses a story book to bring home. Set aside a short, quiet, uninterrupted time together.



Later in the year, when appropriate, structured reading books are sent home as well as books from the class library.

Enjoy discussing the pictures and the storyline - what is happening and what will happen next.

Encourage the child to tell the story through the pictures (even if it is not written down). This encourages language development.

Look for initial sounds relating to their family's names and those focused on in class - these are sent home in a weekly newsletter. Look for focus words - also in the newsletter.



Letter Sounds

Although it is important that children know the proper names of letters, it is vital that they know the sounds these letters make, so please use all opportunities to reinforce these.

A child's reading is not limited to reading books. There is print all around them:

- Signs
- Recipes
- Magazines
- Comics
- Newspapers
- Internet
- Cereal packets
- Street names
- Maps
- Charts
- Shop names
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- Posters
- Birthday cards
- Instructions



Maths at Home

It is important that you and your child enjoy exploring these concepts in a fun, purposeful way.

Reinforcement activities will be sent home regularly. Please return them to the fun time tray in Reception.



Maths is Everywhere!

Shapes - corners, sides, edges.

Counting - sharing sweets

Simple money - coin recognition

Measuring - longer, shorter

Weighing - heavier than

Time - yesterday, o'clock, days



Keeping in Touch with Us

Please use the reading diary, which accompanies the scheme reading book, to show whether your child enjoyed the book by drawing an appropriate face or you may like to add a comment as your child's confidence grows.

Also feel free to make any comments yourself.

Any written communication to the teacher can be returned in the fun time folders which need to be given in weekly.

