



Suggested Home Learning Timetable for children in Nursery and Reception

As a school, we recognise the challenges facing each family will be varied. Balancing the pressures of working from home or as a key worker; confidence in using the IT resources available; the independence and needs of the children are all important factors to consider and manage by us all. With this in mind, we are trying to make our learning suggestions as flexible as possible as home learning for every family will differ.

Outlined below is a proposed timetable. We have decided to suggest how long children should spend on these activities as a guide, rather than prescribing an exact start time. The rationale behind the suggested structure is to provide children with core learning through specific tasks as well as on-going daily practice of key skills. There is also a theme that will run through learning across school - this is so that children have opportunities to work together as a family as well as following their own interests. ***If time available on any given day is limited, we would advise that the Core Learning tasks should be given priority.***

Core Learning

Each morning, activities will be set **that children are expected to complete each day**. These will be posted as **Memos** using the Tapestry Online Journal, which you will already be familiar with. 'Memos' is a new feature that allows parents to view Word documents, PowerPoint slides and click on web links to support learning. This feature is not currently visible in the app version, but can be accessed through an internet browser—type 'Tapestry Journal' into Google on a laptop, tablet or smart phone. **It is expected that children will return a photograph of the learning - as an observation.**

Learning will include:

- Maths - linked to a key story with the mathematical concepts explored.
- Phonics – revisiting sounds already covered and introducing new sounds.
- For Reception Class, core learning also includes Literacy - reading and writing, which where possible, is linked to the key story.

CORE LEARNING	Maths	Core Learning Tasks – these tasks will be set each day on Tapestry. Please support your children to log-on each day and complete any of the learning. Class teachers will approve observations and acknowledge the core learning.
	Phonics	
	English	
DAILY PRACTICE	Handwriting 5 mins	Fine motor and gross motor skills for Nursery. Letter formation for Reception.
	Reading 10 mins	Reading – this will involve accessing the Rising Stars interactive books or listening to a favourite story with an adult.
	Arithmetic 10 mins	Arithmetic – this regular practice will use Numbots (log in details to follow).
	Themed Learning Project	We aim to introduce a theme, with suggested activities to support learning within the theme.

Handwriting: In Nursery, children will be set different activities to develop their gross and fine motor skills. In Reception, children will have a letter of the day to practise. Please use the Penpals letter formation mat to support this, or the Kaligo handwriting app.

Reading: Daily reading opportunities are essential to help foster a love of reading as well as helping to develop children's decoding strategies, fluency and understanding.

Rising Stars online reading ensures that the level and complexity of a text is right for children of all ages and ability. There is also a quiz at the end so that children can demonstrate their understanding of what they have read. **(Make sure you click 'FINISH' at the end!)**

For children in Nursery, there will also be a nursery rhyme of the week to learn and practise.

Themed Learning Project

We will set a theme, for example - Family - that will last for two weeks. The theme will be for all children across school; this will allow for siblings to support each other but to also create opportunities for plenty of discussion, as well as completing activities linked to favourite areas of learning. Some ideas might be:

- Create a family tree (History).
- Draw a family portrait (Art).
- Find out where family members were born and/or lived and plot on a map (Geography).

...and you may have your own ideas about how to explore the theme. The list is endless...

Arithmetic: As with reading, daily practice of core maths skills, and knowing addition and subtraction facts instantly, is the key to being a confident mathematician. The Numbots game will be used to support this.