

Manor School Home Learning at KEY STAGE 1

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There are lots of fun, easy things you can do to at home to help your child make progress with their learning. This leaflet provides a few ideas and suggestions on how you can help your child to develop the skills they need to become more confident, capable and independent in a wide range of situations.

We know that when we work together with families our children have the very best chances to achieve.



Getting the basics right.

- Children learn best when they come to school every day. Please ensure that your child has good attendance by following our attendance policy which can be found on the school website.
- Good punctuality is really important for making sure that when your child comes to school they are ready to learn and can settle quickly to their learning activities.
- When your child has a medical appointment it is expected that you'll either bring your child in after the appointment or you'll collect them early to go to their appointment.
- Please try to attend all meetings with school staff as these are planned in the best interests of your child. It is expected that all families will attend 1 Annual Review Meeting, 2 Structured Conversations and meetings with therapists or specialist staff as necessary. You are also very welcome to come and meet with staff at other times if you contact us so that we can make arrangements for staff to be out of class to see you.
- We regularly hold special celebrations such as International Day and various faith based celebrations which families are always invited to. It's always really lovely to see how happy the children are when their families can attend these events.
- Teachers write weekly home school link books to keep you informed about information regarding the class and your child. Please sign or write a comment to let us know that this information is helpful.



Play with me

I learn by playing. Playing helps me make sense of the world and develops my language and maths skills. It helps me to learn when I sort objects and toys, match colours and count things. I need to learn the names of lots of things like animals, furniture, people's names, and food items. We can play with all sorts of things around the home every day. I like it best when we do things together.



Make it fun

I like it when you get down to my level.

It's good for me to play with things that interest me.

I learn through having fun.

I like it when we play



Teach me to be independent

Now I'm a bit older there are things that I should start to try and do for myself that will help me when I'm at school. I really should be learning dressing and undressing skills. I also need to be able to sit with my family to eat a meal, practise cutting my own food, tidying up my toys and clothes and using the toilet by myself.



It's really important that I'm taught to be as independent as possible.

Talk with me and take me to different places

When you talk to me and listen, it helps me learn how to express my thoughts, needs and feelings. I like it when my family point to things when we're out so I can notice them too. I need to hear lots of new words so that I can start using them too.



Tips for talking

- Tell me what we're doing.
- Add gestures, Makaton signs and visual cues. If you'd like to learn Makaton please contact my speech therapist.
- Listen to what I say and repeat it.
- Keep it short and simple.
- Talk to me when you're cooking, shopping, tidying up.



Make time for my homework

Reading and looking at books helps to build my confidence and interests and improves my language. It can also be a calm activity that can help me to relax. Sometimes you can read the words and other times I just like it when you point at the pictures, laugh and make funny faces for me. Sometimes I just like to look at pictures.

You could take me to the library and I could look at the books there or even bring them home.

I'll also bring books home from school that we could make a special time to read together.

I also have a log-in for Mathletics and Reading Eggs so I can learn at home. I'll get certificates for the homework I do. If you don't know your child's log in please contact the class teacher.

Praise me

Encouraging me and helping me, by saying “Well done” makes a big difference. It makes me more confident so I’ll keep trying even when I make mistakes. I am listening to what you say to me throughout the day. I love seeing your face when you praise me. Special treats can also reward me for things I do well.

Tips for praising

Praise me for being who I am.

Notice when I try and have a go at something.

Tell me I’ve done well when I achieve something.

Whisper praise in my ear.

Give me a clap.

Give me a big hug.



Reward your child for the things they do well.

- First we’re going to the doctor’s then we’re going to the park.
- Have a bath and then play with your i-pad.
- Eat your dinner and then have some pudding.





For more ideas:

- Look at your child's home school link book.
- Make sure you know the PIP Targets your child is working on.
- Call to book a meeting with your child's teacher.
- Call to book a meeting with your child's therapist.
- Keep an eye out for parent training opportunities.
- Contact Marian for further advice or support.