



WHAT IS HOME LEARNING?

We do not refer to homework at SMAB, we call it home learning. We teach our children to enjoy and relish learning. The work “work” can switch children off from learning so we don't use it.

Types of home learning tasks your child may receive:

- **Consolidation of work done in class.** We try not to give too much of this as, if they can do it in class there is no reason to do more of the same. If they didn't 'get it' at school, they are unlikely to at home without their teacher or peers to help them.
- **Preparation for future learning in class.** Scientifically proven to be the most effective form of home learning.
- **Extended research and presentation tasks.** This will be set over a longer period of time to give children time to work on the project, sometimes involving family members or friends.
- **DB Primary generated tasks.** Your child's teacher is able to set computer based learning tasks. These have a set deadline and sometimes are self marked.
- **Ongoing basic skills practice.** Your child will bring home spelling lists and spelling patterns to learn. They may have to write sentences to show they understand the meaning of the word in context and they may have to use a particular strategy to help them learn. They may also bring home number patterns and time tables to learn.

How to support your child to learn well at home and at school:

Studies in Britain have shown that children who are supported by their families with home learning are likely to perform significantly better in academic examinations at 16 years old and beyond than those who do not. If we want our children to be successful in school, family involvement is important.

- Show an interest in what your child is doing and ask them questions about it.
- Communicate high expectations and reinforce the importance of learning at home as well as at school.
- Give them a safe, quiet and comfortable space to learn in.
- Encourage them to try their best, work hard to overcome problems and present their learning neatly
- Allow them regular breaks and encourage them to drink plenty of water.
- Make sure they have the correct amount of sleep each night