

HOME LEARNING



RATIONALE

Home Learning can be useful where school related activities are consolidated, extended or enriched with the support and encouragement of parents.

PURPOSES

1. To encourage purposeful communication at home and to provide a positive link between home and school that enhances a child's learning.
2. To assist children in developing an independent attitude to study routines and the effective use of time organisation.
3. To broaden knowledge of current issues.
4. To reinforce knowledge and practise skills previously taught in the classroom.

GUIDELINES

1. Home Learning is an expected part of the class routine.
2. Home Learning should be relevant to the classroom programme and caters for the range of abilities within the class.
3. Parents are encouraged to acknowledge their child's efforts.
4. Home Learning could be:
 - Literacy – reading, writing, spelling
 - Numeracy – basic facts, completion of work, practising skills
 - Inquiry – researching, class blogs, gathering resources for study, discussion of events
5. Home Learning should be regularly acknowledged as per the school's feedback policy.
6. Children are expected to complete their Home Learning and teachers are encouraged to ensure that there are consequences for the non-completion of Home Learning, taking into consideration the variance in home circumstances which may prevail.

CONCLUSION

Home Learning provides a very valuable link between home and school. As with all learning activities Home Learning should support the classroom programme. This requires that the teacher has a very good knowledge of their students.