



# Waterbeach Community Primary School

*Learning - Laughter - Friendship*

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Dear parents and carers,

## Home Learning

After much discussion, we have decided to review the content of our home learning. Currently, children are set a menu of activities and are given reading books and maths work to do at home. The amount of work completed is quite low, many children do not complete any home learning at all.

As a result, we are going to focus all our efforts and those of the children, on aspects of reading and maths. Team letters will give more details, but we now wish for children to focus on reading as the main bulk of home learning. Teachers will also ask children to work on times tables (depending on year group) and spellings.

Mrs Ogilvie recently sent a letter about our new phonics scheme – this work is central to ensuring we are teaching your children to read as rigorously as possible – you can support this by focusing on reading at home too.

Please make time to **read with your child daily**, even once they are able to read independently.

There is huge value in:

**Reading to your child**/sharing texts that they may not be able to read yet.

**Hearing your child read out loud** and encouraging them to read with expression in books that are suited to their level.

The development of our core reading spine also supports this emphasis on reading. If a child can read, they will be able to access all other areas of the curriculum.

As noted above, team letters will contain more specific information. We ask you to please help us to give your child the very best chance by practising the work outlined on the Team letters. School teaches – but practice will embed the learning.

Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

Your sincerely



*Our school encourages each child to grow into a happy, confident individual, thriving in a supportive community where each is inspired to learn and discover through a kaleidoscope of opportunities, with space to imagine and to create.*