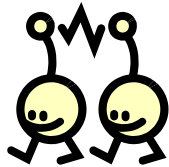




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**A SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
GUIDE TO :**

Learning Links



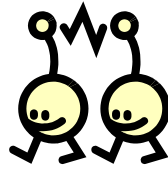
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Dear Parent/Carer

Learning Links is our new way of extending children's learning at home and developing a more positive learning partnership between school and home.



We are revising the very notion of 'homework' – we want children to continue their learning journey at home rather than see it as 'work' at home.

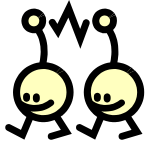
With the distractions of the television and computer games, children more than ever need to share books, play games and talk to their parents/carers. We are finding increasingly that many children are not being given these opportunities that underpin their whole future development.

We urge you to spend a little time with your child each evening and discuss their day with them. We want to make learning more purposeful, practical and enjoyable for both you and your child. Developing a stronger link between home and school is key to this. Whether through a structured Learning Link's activity, sharing a book, exploring a topic on the Internet, or playing a game, you will be sending all of those positive messages to your child, that in turn will increase his/her chances in life of success.

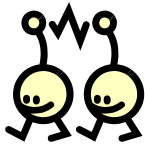
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Mrs Della Williams
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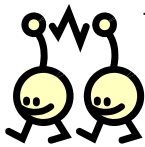
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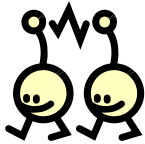
Children in Reception, Years 1 or 2, may have sound and letter activities or games. They may have some maths tasks to support what they have been learning at school. If you show your child that you are interested, then their interest will naturally increase. Learning Links may be linked to the current topic.



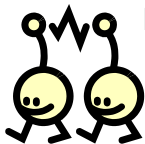
Older children may have spellings or times tables to learn, in preparation for a test later that week. They may have research for a topic or a literacy or numeracy activity/sheet to consolidate or extend what they have learned throughout the week.



The aim is that Learning Links offers a more hands-on and practical approach to learning to make it more stimulating. Homework will be planned as a key element of the children's learning and will be differentiated appropriately.



Learning Links tasks/activities/sheets will be followed up at school to make the learning more purposeful. Regrettably, we cannot feed back to you as parents/carers on Learning Links, but you will obviously have a chance to discuss this at Parents' Meetings each term. *If you have any concerns, please do arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss Learning Links.*



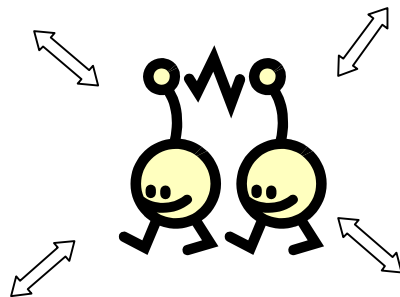
Please come along to our after-school Learning Links Club. We welcome families along for not just support with a Learning Links activity sent home, but any area of your child's learning that needs support.

The Learning Link Between Home and School

*a very powerful message
to your child that home and
school are working together*

*learning, both at school
and at home, becomes
more positive*

*you have a
greater understanding
of how your child learns*



*learning is not restricted
to school, but the home
is seen as a place for
learning too*

*you are more involved in
the assessment of your child's
progress and can discuss
any issues/concerns with the teacher*

*activities/tasks/ideas for visits
can become a whole family activity
and promote family learning*