

Learning Beyond School at home and 'out and about'

Guidance for Parents / Carers

For the early part of your child's life, before he / she joined a play group, nursery class or school class, you and those around you were your child's teachers. – **You are still your child's main teachers**, and Staff at Tynewater Primary School are employed to give you professional help with your child's learning. Your child spends only 17% of his / her week with us for learning within our school.

Learning Beyond School, at home, and out and about is often an overlooked tool for your child learning most effectively at school. Your help, your concern, your sharing quality time with your child(-ren) is an important part of Learning beyond School, indeed there is no substitute.

It is our policy and practice at Tynewater Primary School to encourage all of our pupils to engage in Learning Beyond School, regularly each day. Week by week, your child can be encouraged to progress through a variety of learning opportunities.

If you have any questions about any matter relating to your child's learning, please remember that you are always welcome to consult your child's teacher. We hope that you will support us in our efforts to provide the most effective learning opportunities for all our pupils; by working in partnership, we can make this happen.

"I thought school was the place for learning."

Why do children need to Learn Beyond School: at home and 'out and about'?

- Learning is a natural, life-long process, not just for school.
- The more interesting and stimulating lives children can lead out of school, the more they can contribute to their learning in school.

Learning Beyond School, whether formal or informal:

- encourages individual children's ownership and responsibility for their learning;
- helps children to plan and organize their time, and develops good habits, self-motivation and self-discipline;
- gives parents information about their child's learning and progress, week by week, especially through Seesaw;
- gives opportunities for parental support;
- creates channels for home-school communication.

Learning Beyond School at home and 'out and about'

By using your child's online portfolio on Seesaw to talk about what he / she is learning.

By using your child's online account on **Reading Cloud** to talk about what he / she is reading from our School Library often related to **Accelerated Reader**.

By your child reading a set piece or chapter in preparation for discussion in school (10 to 30 minutes depending on age):

- by listening to your child reading;
- by reading with him / her;
- by asking your child some questions to see if he / she has understood what has just been read.

By your child finding out something or preparing something that he / she can contribute to his / her class learning.

Why do we ask all pupils to carry out a variety of short learning activities beyond school?

To maximize all pupils' progress in their learning.

How can we do this most effectively?

By devoting quality time with your child.

P1, P2, P3 + P4 (as appropriate)

By your child practising new letter sounds and new words introduced by his / her Teacher in class so that your child really knows these and can then progress to new letter sounds and words.

By listening to your child practise, modelling the sounds and helping them to learn.

By your child **practising** a set of number facts appropriate to their stage – either adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing – number facts that he /she really needs to know to solve problems and make progress in all areas of maths.

By spending quality time outdoors exploring your local environment / countryside, for example: nature walks, bug hunts, and building dens.

By helping at home.

By discussing the news, current events, and topical science, with your child.

By encouraging your child to take part in a club, sports, Brownies, Scouts, Youth Clubs, play a musical instrument, or sing in a choir.

Please see our list of useful apps.

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By making sure that your child's gets enough sleep!

By managing your child's 'screen time' including none at bedtime or when they wake up.

By being very selective about your child's viewing online, television and video programmes.

By going over any learning activity with your child, then leave them to complete the activity independently.

By providing your child with some HB pencils, colouring pencils, a sharpener, eraser, and a ruler.

By showing a positive and supportive attitude towards your child's learning at school, the efforts of your child's Teachers, Head Teacher and your School.

How can I help my child to learn most effectively?

By taking part in all of your child's Parent-Pupil-Teacher meetings and Open Mornings – if possible, so that you can celebrate their learning and achievements, and know what their next steps are.

By giving your child lots of genuine praise and encouragement to build up their self-esteem.

By devoting time to talking with your child about what they have been learning, each day.

If your child needs to practise or prepare something, by setting aside an appropriate amount of time at a suitable hour!

By ensuring an appropriate atmosphere so that your child can concentrate on what they are learning.

By providing a suitable table-top and seat.

Digital Tools to Support Learning

Tynewater Primary School use digital tools to enhance teaching and learning. These tools can also provide benefits for Learning Beyond Home. Below are a range of education tools which you may find useful to support your child(ren)'s learning.

Key Tools



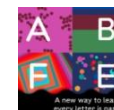
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Literacy & Language

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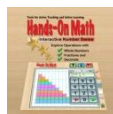
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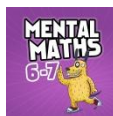
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Creativity Tools



Edupuppet



Sockpuppets



Tellagami



Toontastic
3D



Skitch



Book
Creator



Explain
Everything



Popplet



Quik



Green
Screen



Pic Collage



I can animate



Lego Movie
Maker



Videoscribe