



English Daily Tasks

Dear Parents and Carers,

In school, we follow the principles of 'Talk for Writing' which have been devised by an English specialist, Pie Corbett. We are delighted that Pie and his team have put together some excellent units of work for English which directly mirror the work that we do in class. We have put the units for each year group in class folders on the 'Learning at Home' section of our website and we would like you to work through these activities at home. These activities provide children with opportunities to practise a variety of literacy skills required for their year group.

The booklets can be printed off, or if this is not possible, then they can be read on screen and answered on paper or in the exercise books that we sent home. We suggest that you do break the booklet up into short daily activities and this could be spread across two weeks, as the unit has been designed to last for this amount of time. We are expecting that another booklet will be made available in a fortnight and we will again share this with you.

If the reading part of the booklet is too hard for your child to read, then please read it to them, but check their understanding of difficult words and discuss the meaning of the text with them so that they can go on to do the activities successfully.

In addition to these booklets, class teachers may direct you to phonics and spelling work via Twitter and the website and we also strongly encourage children to keep practising their reading skills wherever possible.

Other English activities that you may like to do alongside these booklets include:

- Writing a diary-this is a great way to keep their writing skills going and of course will be interesting for the children to read when we get back to some sort of normality! You could discuss with children how they are documenting a bit of history. For example, if you went on a walk, did you see the rainbows in windows? Why are children drawing and displaying them? Did you clap for the NHS? What did you do at home to keep yourself busy?
- Older children might want to write a poem about their experiences or even write a letter to someone in the future about what is happening now.
- Learn the common exception word spellings for the year group children are in.

We hope that the children enjoy these 'Talk for Writing' activities and that they help you to support learning in English at home.

Below is also a link to Pie Corbett's daily literacy show:

RadioBlogging.net – Pie is presenting a free, daily, interactive literacy show with language games, creative writing, poet of the day and author of the week.

Thank you and have fun!

Mrs Ward, English Leader