



26th August, 2016

Dear Parent,

Pupils will begin their suggested Home Learning Opportunities programme from Monday 29th August. The activities which the children will be invited to complete will either serve to reinforce, extend class activities or will give pupils the chance to prepare in advance for forthcoming class activity.

Details and instructions of the pupils' activities will be recorded in their Home/School Books and will follow a regular pattern on a weekly basis. Formal activities are not issued during the first two weeks of each term nor the last week of each term.

The Home/School Book can also serve as a useful tool in supporting Home-School communication although generally if a matter needs a lengthy piece of writing to be communicated, it would probably better discussed by way of an appointment with the class teacher.

Participation in the Home Learning programme is entirely voluntary however the greater the extent to which both pupils and parents engage with the activities will have a direct impact on the effectiveness and pace of your child's progress.

In addition to the routine programme described above, we will be giving pupils the opportunity to present short talks to their classmates by way of 'Show and Tell' sessions. The pupils themselves will be asked initially to volunteer to deliver their talk two weeks in advance of the 'presentation' date. As with all the other tasks, this is an opportunity in which we would hope children participate but the final decision will rest with yourselves.

Children will also be invited to talk about any reading they have done in the previous week that they found either interesting or entertaining, from whichever source they choose.

The Home-Learning Opportunities are exactly that and we would encourage parents and pupils to take part as fully as possible to extend the benefits of the in-school learning experiences.

Yours sincerely,

S. Purdie / S Gibb
Class Teachers