



Dent CE Primary Home Learning Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Dent CE Home Learning families. For those who may find it helpful, here are a few ideas to think about as you embark on your home learning adventure:

- School will be sending home a variety of practical and web-based learning activities for the different curriculum areas. Staff will also advise you on useful websites and apps that can be used to support your child's learning, together with suggestions around creative projects and learning through play.
- Establish a routine early on – Why not ask the children to help you make and decorate a 'timetable' or 'job list' for home learning activities?
- Create a 'working space' or a box of 'working resources' that can be put away when you are not using them and help to create that sense of 'it's work time now' when you get them out to use and 'work's done now' when you clear them away
- Don't worry – no one expects you to know all the answers! Enjoy being on this learning journey together as a family. Learning opportunities are everywhere, from cooking together, discussing the characters in a favourite book or movie or looking for signs of spring and summer in the garden or on the farm
- Make time for exercise – get outside if you can – also, the website Gonoodle.com is a free website full of exercise and well-being activities for children. Your children have used this resource in school, so will be familiar with it. We are also compiling a collection of well-being resources which we will send out soon.
- Set aside a space on a wall or a shelf where you can celebrate work that the children are proud of, e.g. pictures, models, poems, stories, etc. Maybe you could put together a home learning scrapbook?
- You may find that your children complete their assignments with time to spare. This is a perfect opportunity for the children to work on personal projects, where they follow their interests and develop independent study skills. This may well be the time to discover those future musicians, engineers, designers, inventors, chefs, writers, historians, scientists, entrepreneurs and artists in our midst! We can't wait to find out what first steps will be made over the coming weeks and months!

And finally.... Some days may run like clockwork, some will be exciting and fun and some may turn out to be a bit of a disaster! If you feel you need a break and tensions are running high, take a break – it is always handy to have a few 'go-to' activities that you know your children enjoy, whether that is getting out the Lego, making a den out of cushions, listening to an audio book (audible.com are offering audio books for children FREE at the moment), drawing a picture, playing in the garden or curling up with a good book.

So...Good Luck, enjoy your time together and keep in touch. We would love to hear what everyone is up to, so to share your home learning tips and ideas for future issues of our newsletter you can email me on mandy@dent.cumbria.sch.uk and to share your home learning photos with the school Dent Twitter account, send them to Mrs Edwards on 07972264527 or email them to kim@dent.cumbria.sch.uk

Best wishes and Happy Home Learning!

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