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Dear Parents and Carers

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we see home learning as an important example of co-operation and partnership between teachers and parents/carers. It is an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning. I am therefore writing to you today to remind you of the importance of home learning as part of your child's early education.

We ask parents and carers to support their children in completing home learning tasks that are set and to provide them with an environment that enables them to do their best.

Each child has a home learning folder, which is sent home every Friday, with the expectation that the home learning will be completed and returned to school, in the folder, by Wednesday of the following week, or as stated on the home learning instructions. The home learning activities will be based on what has been taught in class and we ask that you help your child to complete the task, but not do it for them.

If your child does not have access to the resources required to complete home learning tasks, eg pencil, ruler, scissors, glue, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will arrange for them to be loaned.

Similarly, should your child require access to technology, please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange for an I-pad to be loaned.

Children participate in reading activities every day and have an individual reading turn with an adult every week. To enable your child to consolidate their learning and to practise their reading skills, we ask that you read with them at least three times each week. This will help them to develop their fluency and to understand the content of the book. For every day a child reads at home, they are able to move one step up the class reading ladder. Every term, awards are presented at step 12, 24 and 36, before the child jumps over the rainbow and receives a special reward, so please make sure you note in your child's reading record book **every** time they read. You can also note each time your child has read on Oxford Reading Buddy; please ask your child's teacher if you need to be reminded of your child's log in details, as we have noticed that very few children are accessing this resource.

From next week, spelling tests will no longer be undertaken in school. We have noticed that, for some children, the weekly spelling test causes extreme anxiety and, if parents have not taken the time to practise with them, they rarely achieve success. We will, of course, continue to work on spelling during Read, Write Inc and English lessons.

If you would like to work on spellings at home, please use the common exception word list at the front of your child's reading record book.

Working together is the key to your child's success and I am sure you will agree that they deserve every opportunity to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination

