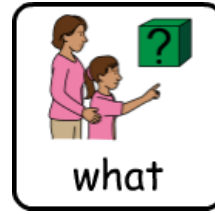




Why learning at home is important.

Evidence suggests that learning at home is the crucial part of children's learning and development, playing a key role in supporting progress. About 80% of the difference on how well children do at school depends on what happens outside the school gates. Learning at home is an important part of transferring learning and problem solving in everyday routines and activities. All children benefit from meaningful interactions with family members linked to learning at school.



What is learning at home?

Learning at home happens at home, outdoors and in the community. It can take place through everyday activities that families already do. It happens through a range of events including play, leisure activities, fun events, and trips, cultural or volunteering experiences. It also happens through curricular related activities, homework, reading and sharing stories. It depends on communication between home and school about learning.



Ideas for home learning.

Learning at home provides ideal opportunities for intergenerational learning for children, families, extended families and the community. Finding ways to support communication and spending time sharing stories and reading in ways that are accessible to your child are invaluable. Making maths count by using numbers and mathematics at home and in the community will support your child in understanding all aspects of life. Most of all have lots of fun together!



Being Learning Partners.

Building strong relationships and developing an understanding between home and school supports children's learning in positive ways. What families do together has a great influence on children's progress in all types of learning. West Mains has a clear commitment to working together with families. We share children's learning in many ways; diaries, showcases, reports, family events, parent helpers, homework and sharing topic themes and ideas.