

12 things you can do to help your child learn;

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement.
 - *You have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence - and confidence is vital to learning.*
 - *Provide specific praise that focuses on a particular aspect of their work. Comments such as "I like the way you have..." is more effective than "you're clever".*
2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
 - *The Government encourages parents and carers to read to children, hear them read, or encourage them to read to themselves, for at least 20 minutes a day.*
3. Encourage your child to observe and talk about what they see, feel, think etc.
 - *Even young children can be helped to read notices and signs, for example, and understand what they mean.*
4. Make use of the school library and your local library.
 - *Look out for special events and services for children.*
5. Visit museums and other places you think your child might find interesting.
 - *Children now have free admission to major national museums and art galleries.*
6. If your child likes watching television, watch it together sometimes and talk about what has been watched. Children enjoy sharing their experiences and will gain a lot from the discussion.
7. Try to provide a reasonably quiet and suitable place where your child can work and show that you and all members of the family value and respect the homework activity.
8. Try to set time aside to support your child's homework activities whilst also allowing some independence where appropriate.
9. Encourage your child to discuss homework with you, including feedback from teachers.
10. Try to help your child to see the enjoyable aspects of homework.
11. Help your child to see the importance of homework and teach them to become more independent and take more responsibility for themselves as they get older.
12. Remind your children to complete and hand in homework on time. A copy of your child's homework programme will be provided at the start of each year but please ask if you need another one.