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Eastway Encyclopaedia

At Eastway, children are asked to complete a log of their learning in their Eastway Encyclopaedia as part of their home learning activities. It will be sent home weekly on a Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday. Your child will use this log to build up a book of everything that they have learned this year.

There are many benefits to home learning in this way:

- Opportunity for children to extend and consolidate their learning outside the classroom.
- Practice their key skills, regular practice helps children learn well.
- Encourage all children to be independent and interested in learning.
- Encourage children to be actively involved in their work and take pride in it.
- Partnership between home and school.
- In personalised learning there is no right or wrong way to approach a task.
- They give children ownership of their work.
- Children can be as creative and imaginative as they like.
- Learning Logs can be a useful revision tool for children.
- Learning Logs can be a useful assessment tool for teachers.
- They can promote talk about what children have learned in school, talking about learning helps it to be stored in the long term memory.

Their book will include all the key learning that they will cover in their year group such as the year group spellings, key number facts they need to learn, letter formation and recommended reads. Each half term their class teachers will add the Knowledge Overviews for the units of work being taught so your child can learn the key facts or find out more.

The Encyclopaedias are a great chance for children to get creative with their home learning and are often a chance to share what they have learnt, or to research a new topic. The children are asked to present their work in any appropriate format that they choose. Children will often draw, write, use collage and photos as well as creating video clips, role plays and powerpoints of their work. Children are asked that their finished weekly learning log fits on one side of A4 and therefore are often very inventive sticking and folding flaps and larger sheets of paper to include all their information. A good learning log should also be presented well and teach the reader something.

Many children enjoy creating their learning logs and are often really proud of the finished products. We therefore try to share good examples in class whenever possible.

If you or your child needs more help or information with how to keep and create a learning log, please contact their class teacher for support.

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