



Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Home Learning at Bessemer

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the home learning opportunities that we provide for your children.

Mathletics

All children at Bessemer have access to Mathletics, which they can use both in school and at home. Mathletics provides interactive and engaging resources that support your child's learning in line with the expectations of the National Curriculum for Maths, ranging from number, shape, measure and data handling. All children have their own individual logins and passwords for the program which will be provided by your child's teacher in the Maths Parent Meeting on Wednesday 4th October. We encourage the use of Mathletics at home to provide a fun and stimulating way of reinforcing the learning in maths that takes place in school.

Reading Eggs

All children at Bessemer also have access to Reading Eggs, which they can use both in school and at home. Reading Eggs provides a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that the children can select from an online library. They are then challenged with comprehension questions that increase in difficulty as the texts become more complex. Additionally, it encourages reading for pleasure as the children can select texts that are appropriate to their interests. All children have their own individual logins and passwords for the program which will be provided by your child's class teacher. We encourage the use of Reading Eggs at home to further support the enjoyment associated with reading and the development of your child's reading comprehension skills.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs can both be found by typing into the Google search bar.

Letter-join

Letter-join is the handwriting scheme that we use in school. We have a parent subscription where you can watch online tutorials of how letters and words are formed through the scheme, complete pre-set activities and create your own worksheets. In school, we often link our handwriting to the spellings and sounds that we are learning. If using a tablet device, children can learn to use their fingers to practise forming letters.

www.letterjoin.co.uk

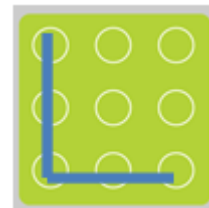
Letter-join 

If using Letter-join on a tablet device, you will need to use the following details:

Username: bessemer

Swipe code: a capital 'L' shape starting at the top left

Click on where it says 'Tablet login' first.



If using Letter-join on a computer, you will need to use the following details:

Username: bessemer

Password: grange

Please note: Letter-join recommends that you use Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari for the best compatibility.

Home Learning Diary

The Home Learning Diary is a book that will allow your child to store their favourite things such as photos of their family celebrations, outings or holidays. Or they may visit a museum or take a trip on a train and want to post their tickets or leaflets.

It is also a place that allows you as parents and carers to become involved in observing and recording your child's comments about their favourite things. As parents and carers you know your children better than anyone else. You see and hear your children do things that class teachers may never hear and see because they are in different environments and with family and friends that we do not know. This book will allow us to gain an understanding of your child's interests and experiences outside of school.

By observing and recording your child's actions and comments we can assess your child's development against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (see the table at the back of the book). It also means that you as parents and carers are able to contribute to your child's learning and assessment at school.

We will use these to celebrate your child's interests and learning every half term. Therefore, please try to update the book as and when your child would like to add to the book or when you feel you have made a relevant observation. Additionally, ensure that the Home Learning Diary is in your child's book bag each day.

Please note this is **NOT A HOMEWORK BOOK**. Please do not ask your child to write in this book **unless** they want to.

I hope that you find the home subscriptions and Home Learning Diary useful in supporting your child's learning. If you have any further questions or queries, then do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support!

Laura Dunphy
Early Years Phase Leader