



**Barrow CEVC
Primary School**
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Dear parents and carers

We're aware that there have been some conversations between parents in recent days about home learning in Reception. Please do allow us to clarify the expectation for this and offer some reassurance.

Homelearning

Phonics Information Sheets – these are uploaded weekly BUT are for parent information only. This is to keep you informed of the sounds we are learning in class. It has never been our expectation that these are 'completed' in any way. Please just take note of the contents if you have a moment. Our intention is for this to help you when you read with your child at home.

E-Books – these are additional books for parents to access if you would like to and have time. Again, there has never been any expectation that these are 'completed'. They are there simply as an additional resource to support you.

Home Learning Activity – this is usually one game based activity for you to be able to play with your child and is usually focused on tricky words or maths. This is a short activity to be done over the period of 2 weeks – once or as often as you have time for. It would be really lovely to see some pictures of this on Tapestry. This task is of course optional – we appreciated that families have very busy lives - but we do encourage you to engage as often as possible as research shows that children's learning is very much enhanced with parental support from home. Whilst we're also aware that our youngest learners may be tired at the end of the day, this kind of low level activity at home does set good habits that will support them throughout their school journey.

I very much hope that this clarifies any misunderstandings regarding home learning expectations from school.

Tapestry

We continue to use Tapestry to document and track the children's learning, both in school and at home. As ever, thinking in the world of education moves on and current good practice – as outlined in the new EYFS Framework – places more emphasis on adults spending time interacting with the children in the moment rather than spending this valuable time writing up observations. To be able to see what the children are doing in school each week, please do look at the Weekly Overview which is posted on Google Classroom every Sunday.

We are very happy to speak to anyone individually regarding individuals and their progress or any issues you would like to raise. Please do contact the office to make an appointment.

Kind regards

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