

Tips and Advice for Home Learning



Know when your children are at their best

Like adults, children work better at certain times of the day.

It might be that you use the children's best time to focus on any work that the school have provided, and you'll probably want the children to keep on top of numeracy/maths and literacy.

Focus on their interests

Running with your children's interests is the best way to 'hook' them in.

For example if he/she is interested in a particular football player do a project on him/her, such as geography of his/her home country, other countries he/she had played in as well as his/her current club. Look at his/her childhood and compare how your child's might be different as well as writing lots of facts about him/her and looking at data. A wide range of curriculum areas are covered doing this.

It pays to be prepared

One of the best tips is to have some things prepared. If you're doing a project on something, then it pays to have information and worksheets to hand. For instance if the topic was about The Vikings have colouring pages for the front cover of the project books, maps to show where the Vikings invaded from, writing frames and cutouts. It doesn't take a huge amount of time to prepare, but it does make a difference, and it helps to keep a lesson flowing if you've not got to stop to print something off.

Remember, not every minute needs to be filled!

One of the biggest things is to remember that it's OK for children to be bored! They don't need every minute of the day scheduling for them, and natural lulls in energy and giving them a break to do something else works really well. They always come back to their work 20-30 minutes later, much more refreshed and better focused. It's OK as well to just enjoy something like making a cake, playing a game or sharing a story together. Not every minute needs to be covering a learning goal and objective. You'll be amazed at just how much children learn from reading and playing.

Most of all don't stress

Don't worry! Children are adaptable and they'll soon settle into a new routine. If school have provided work or subjects to study then make use of those. There's plenty of home educators who will be more than happy to share details of where to find resources or details of YouTube Channels that have some great educational content available. Already content creators are pulling together details of organisations offering resources at this time.