

At Pens Meadow we recognise that home learning opportunities should be related to individual needs.

We believe that working together with home will support achieving the best outcomes for pupils.

Outcomes identified in the EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) should provide the focus for all targets pupils are working towards.

Whilst the majority of these can be achieved at school, some outcomes will require a consistent approach and reinforcement by home and school working closely together

Some of our children have a very clear distinction between home and school and this can present challenges when we talk about home learning.

Parents and carers are encouraged to access the school website and look at their child's class page.

Any home learning agreed and provided aims to provide an opportunity for:

- ♦ Consistency of approach between home and school
- ♦ Families to reinforce, support and extend opportunities and skills taught at school

School provides information on what children are learning and any topics that are being covered. This aims to encourage parent/carers to share and where possible extend on this at home. In addition school suggest the following :

Supporting your child's learning at home

- * Lots of everyday activities don't seem like homework! Take everyday opportunities to support the targets pupils are working on at school
- * Remember a little quality time is always better and do stop if your child loses interest.
- * Plan a routine so your child develops an understanding of expectations.
- * Does your child respond well to now and next? For example: Now we are going to read, next you can watch TV.
- * If your child loses interest or get frustrated stop the activity and return to it another time

- * Think about what the room needs to be like. Is the TV off ? Are there toys/computers available? Are siblings playing in the same room? These can be a big distraction.
- * If your child is finding activities/home learning too easy you can ask the staff to advise how to make things more challenging.
- * Can you make learning more interesting by relating it to their interests?
- * Give lots of praise for your child's achievements, no matter how small.
- * If you would like any support or resources from school, please ask

Pens Meadow recognise that you are the most important people in our pupils lives. We try and do all we can to ensure that you and your child receive the best experience that we offer because

Happy families = Happy children.