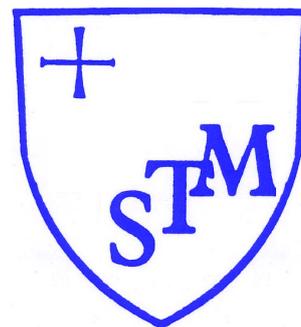


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Caring, Learning
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Learning Logs

Dear Parents,

At school we are always looking for new ways to develop children and parents as "Partners in Learning" and to make learning more exciting and relevant. This is why we have changed the way we do homework and introduced our Learning Logs. These will replace homework sheets but your child will be expected to continue to read regularly at home and to learn their weekly spellings and times tables.

The Learning Log tasks are like mini-projects and are directly linked with class work which ensures every child will know how to get started. The child takes ownership, becoming the "project manager" and takes their learning the way that interests them. The learning log is an opportunity for them to show their knowledge and understanding of a topic to parents, teachers and classmates. The learning log system is much more motivational and encourages independent, creative learners. The log book will also contain information about your child's learning styles and multiple intelligences. We hope this will encourage the children to become more aware of their strengths as learners and perhaps to develop in new directions.

Every week, one learning objective (maths, literacy or other curriculum subjects) and some helpful hints will be stuck into the log book. The children complete **one double page** at home – spending a **maximum of one hour** on their work. The log books are brought back to school as soon as they are finished and shared with a partner or the whole class during the school week. The teacher will also mark these books, adding comments, particularly where the effort or standard is high.

The learning log system is totally personalised. Each child has the freedom to show their understanding in any way they like—and to complete further research if they wish. They may choose to do writing, a drawing, use diagrams or mindmaps, stick things in..... the possibilities are endless. Log books are often very creative and colourful. Everyone can enjoy working at their own level or extending their knowledge by further research. **There is no wrong way to do the tasks.**

Parents are encouraged to get involved. For example, you might make suggestions about the layout, help with research or talk about the finished work. The learning log should help you to find out what your child has been learning about in school and might well become a great keepsake!

We hope your child will enjoy using the learning logs and take pride in their work.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S.H.Bott



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