



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

### **Home Learning**

I know that for many of you this will be your first time doing home learning and you will probably be feeling worried and apprehensive. Please try not to, as I say to the children every day, 'all you can do is do your best!' I know how tricky it is to juggle home learning with work and family life!

I just want to let you know what home learning is available for children in Early Years at Badger Hill.

The home learning is accessed through the **Tapestry website or app** which we have been using already this year as a way of recording the children's learning and sharing it with parents. If anyone is still having problems with this please contact the school and we will help you to access it.

Here is a list of the activities which are provided every week:-

- ❖ Daily phonics video lessons and sometimes links to online games to reinforce the lesson objectives
- ❖ Reading books (for your child's personal level) available daily via Bug Club, accessed on the Active Learn website
- ❖ Online reading via Phonics Play website
- ❖ Daily story time via video
- ❖ Daily maths activities introduced on Monday's via video lesson for the week's learning objective
- ❖ Daily writing activities introduced on Monday's via video lesson
- ❖ Spelling video lesson every Friday

Links to any online videos or sites are provided within the lesson description!

As a minimum children should be doing the above set activities, if there are extension activities provided for children who may need an extra challenge, this will be clearly explained in the task description. Obviously they don't need to read a Bug Club book as well as doing online reading on Phonics Play, just one or the other! Also if you read lots of stories together at home, it is not necessary that they always listen to the video story. Children should be writing at least one sentence each day, but of course if they want to do more that is great, and as time goes on, we will need to increase to writing more sentences to build up our stamina in writing.

This will ensure that they are doing some reading, phonics, writing and maths each day.

Please message me via Tapestry if you are having problems or need some help or advice and I will try my best to help! If Tapestry is giving you problems, please contact the school office and they will let me know!

You may also message me via Class Dojo for general enquiries if that is easier for you, but please note that work will be set and must be sent back via Tapestry so that we can keep it all in one place!

Here are two useful websites, but as I said, any necessary links are included in the lesson descriptions.

**Bug Club** - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> (fantastic for reading and comprehension skills. Please continue to record this and any other reading your child completes in their reading diary) Your child's user name and password are stuck in the front of their reading record book.

**Busy Things-** <https://www.busythings.co.uk> (brilliant for phonics, tricky words, number, shape, space and measures and many other areas of the early years curriculum)

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With very young children, it can sometimes be very tricky engaging them with learning, especially if they are tired or busy doing something else of their choice! If possible try to get into a routine and have lots of breaks! Short bursts of learning are better at this age. If you feel that a battle is brewing try a different activity, or try again later! I'm sure you are all doing this anyway!

Once again, don't hesitate to ask if you are having problems.

I have been so impressed with the super work children have been doing at home already this year, and have really enjoyed the videos and photos you have already shared via Tapestry! It is so lovely to see their happy smiling faces!

Thank you once again for your support,

Mrs Case