

## **Partnerships with parents and carers**

At the heart of our curriculum, is the aim to involve parents and carers in their children's learning. We also strive to celebrate children's learning and achievements with them on a regular basis.

We aim to do this in the following ways:

- Quality display of children's learning throughout the school
- Through our website galleries and updates
- Class blogs on our websites
- Newsletters
- Open events
- Providing parent with guidance on how to support learning at home
- Gallery exhibitions
- Assemblies and performances
- Individual Personal Learning Journals

## **Information about Current Projects**

From September 2014, we will also be publishing details about our new theme based creative curriculum on our website. Each class will share details of their themes, topics and learning experiences as they develop each term through the following links <http://www.bluecoat.lincs.sch.uk/curriculum.asp>

Our class blogs on the website will give up to date snapshots of what your children are learning <http://www.bluecoat.lincs.sch.uk/viewblog.asp>

## **Homework**

Homework is an essential and valuable part of our curriculum provision. We believe that homework provides a key link between school and home and enables us to share regular information with parents about children's learning and progress. It is also an opportunity for parents to work together with their children, to enjoy learning experiences and to support them to prepare for the increased expectations regarding homework when children begin their secondary education.

Our expectations regarding homework increase as children get older and their ability to do homework more independently increases.

## **Reading**

All children are expected to be supported to read regularly at home.

## **Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation**

Children from Y1 to Y6 will be set a weekly task related to spelling, grammar or punctuation.

## **Maths**

Children from Y1 to Y6 will be set a weekly task related to learning mathematical facts or calculation methods to support the development of their mental calculation skills.

Further details of reading, spelling and maths homework expectations and weekly arrangements for each year group can be found on their class pages on the website <http://www.bluecoat.lincs.sch.uk/classes.asp>

## **Creative Curriculum Homework**

In addition, creative homework is set weekly for children from Y1 to Y6. All children in these classes look forward to a task or activity linked to their current creative curriculum theme. These homework tasks are unique to each class and should:

- Be open ended
- Provide opportunity and freedom for children to choose how to show what they have learnt
- Develop independent learning skills
- Allow for children to use a range of presentation skills including, drawing, writing, charts and pictures
- Encourage safe use of internet based research

Each week, we celebrate creative homework outcomes from each class in our achievement awards assembly.

## **Open Events**

We aim to hold these events termly. The children get very motivated and excited by these opportunities to showcase their achievements and learning successes with their parents and families. Parents and other visitors always tell

us how much they enjoy and value the events. Please visit the Gallery section of the website to see some fantastic photographs of previous open events.

<http://www.bluecoat.lincs.sch.uk/galleries.asp>