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Learning Conversations

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to introduce a new initiative called, Learning Conversations. These are informal, verbal conversations that will extend your child's learning at home. It is our intention that through this approach you will become more deeply aware and involved in your child's learning at school.

We feel strongly that tasks set for home need to be meaningful, tied closely to main class teaching to extend their learning, not dependent on writing skills and not overly time consuming for either home or school. If completed successfully this approach will help your children build effective learning habits for the future.

How will it work?

Each week your child's class teacher will send out a prompt for a 'Learning Conversation' for you to have with your child via our school APP and in their Reading diaries e.g.

Today we have been learning about life cycle of a frog – ask your child to tell you about this life cycle and its different stages.

Extension: Research the life cycle of a different creature and share your findings in whatever form you would like!

As parent/carer we would then invite you to note down the details of your Learning Conversation in the Reading diary and how your child's learning has been extended, anything they said/thought/did in the Learning Conversation activity – e.g. noting any difficulties or misconceptions, identifying any areas where the child seemed particularly knowledgeable, or where they had completely forgotten what was covered in school!

Extending the Learning Conversation

Your child has the choice to extend their learning if they wish and they can share in school, any findings, research or work they have produced that links to the Learning Conversation prompt.

The emphasis is on extending and consolidating your child's learning through thinking and developing their verbal abilities and vocabulary. These conversations can happen anywhere at any time!

The first learning prompt will start the week beginning 13th May. We appreciate your support for this initiative.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Richardson
Headteacher

