



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Education City**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who attended our Education City Information Meeting yesterday or today. I hope you found it useful and left with a greater understanding of the website and the functions it has to offer.

If you were unable to attend, please see below a list of the key features of the site that I promoted during the meetings for you and your child to enjoy together:

### **Subjects [found on the Homepage]**

As part of our subscription, children can access content within English, Maths and Science in all year groups from Reception to Y2. Although I encourage you to use the content for the year group your child is currently in, please do explore other year groups so that you can see the progression.

<b>Activities</b>
These are a variety of game based activities that children can access in all subject areas. As part of the activities, children have 10 minutes to complete and if they achieve 85% or more, there is an option to print a certificate of celebration. If children score less than this, a revision journal will be automatically created so that they can practice further before having another go at the activity. You will find this journal in the <b>Revision</b> area on the home page.
<b>Learn Screens</b>
These are great to introduce or revise a specific topic and would be best used alongside the <b>Activities</b> to help understanding. These will also provide a great link to your child's learning in school.
<b>Think Its</b>
These provide opportunities to develop reasoning and problem solving skills and would be best used when working alongside your child so that you can discuss together. As part of this area, a question will be posed for children to discuss with the answer also provided with an extension question. There is an option to print off the problem if you would like to encourage children to write their answer.
<b>Videos</b>
Videos are an engaging way for children to support and reinforce learning across the curriculum to develop a deeper understanding. You will also find linked activity sheets to reinforce the concept further.
<b>PlayLive</b>
This provides children a real time 60 second challenge in which they can play against others in a competitive but safe arena. Children can choose whether they would like to play against someone in their class or school [they must also be using the site at the same time] or anyone from around the world.

### **Scores [found on the homepage]**

Within the 'Pick and Play' folder, this will allow you to keep track of your child's achievements.

You will also notice that there are options for 'Classwork' and 'Homework'. These areas will contain specific content from the website that teachers have assigned to children to complete. However, as this is a new system for us, I would like children to explore freely so that they get a good chance to find out what they like about the website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would also love to receive any feedback you have of Education City, positive or negative, so that I can analyse the impact of our subscription in developing our children as readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists.

Yours sincerely,

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