

The GRENEWAY Middle School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that your child's first few days at Greneway have been enjoyable.

As Year 5 become more familiar with the school, teachers will begin to set 'Out of School Learning' (OSL). OSL is designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and encourage your child to develop the skills, confidence and motivation to study independently. Please refer to the '*Information Booklet for Parents/Carers*' for further guidance regarding this.

Each child will be provided with a Maths OSL booklet and an English OSL booklet from which teachers will set pages to complete each week. This will be linked to the topic covered during the course of that week. Your child may complete this independently or with help. If your child required a lot of support with the task, please write a note at the top of the page or in their Learning Journal so that your child's teacher is aware. Your child will also receive weekly activities which will include learning spellings and times tables. We also have 'Spellodrome' and 'My Maths' log-ins for each child, should they wish to access these sites at home to take their learning further. These log-in details will be given out in ITC lessons and stored in their Learning Journals.

Form teachers will also ask that reading sessions are completed out of school. This is designed to encourage regular reading at home which, again, can either be a shared or independent activity. Please could you sign the reading section in the Learning Journal by the end of each week to confirm your child has completed the minimum 45 minutes reading time. We award House Points to children with signed Learning Journals!

In addition, children will also complete one extended homework project each term. Ideally children will have between 4 and 6 weeks to complete these projects to provide time to develop ideas and carry out research. These provide an opportunity for children to be more creative and pursue areas of interest. In the first term, your child will complete a project on an aspect of WW2. These projects prove to be very popular and provide an opportunity for collaboration between you and your child. More information regarding these projects will be available nearer the time.

Please encourage your child to take care of their OSL books as replacements will be charged at £3.80.

Thank you in anticipation of your support regarding your child's Out of School Learning.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Linnane
Leader of Year 5

