



Learning Logs



A new and unique homework learning resource for children in Llangan Primary School

What is a learning log?

Learning logs are a unique, personalised learning resource for children. In the learning logs, the children record their responses to learning challenges set by their teachers. Each log is an individual record of the child's thinking and learning. Research in schools where learning logs are used shows that they have become an essential part of the teaching and learning programme and have had a major impact on the drive to develop a more independent learner.

Why use learning logs?

Evidence shows learning logs;

- are more fun than old homework
- encourage children to think about learning
- help parents to know what we are doing at school
- give a chance for children to choose how they do their homework
- encourage better quality work to be produced

What does a learning log look like?



The individual nature of each learning log allows the child the freedom to express their understanding in any way they like. The child is able to show that they have reached their learning objective in a variety of ways. The child may choose to show their knowledge and understanding of the challenge set by:

- Creating a piece of factual writing, a poem, a story, a play, etc.
- drawing a picture, painting, making a collage, etc.
- taking a digital photograph or creating a digital image
- doing some further research around a topic and including this in their learning log using diagrams, graphs, flow charts, tables, etc., to interpret information.

How can parents help?

Learning logs are intended to improve the partnership between school and home. We need your support to make this venture a success. Children will be encouraged to research new facts, record what they already know and understand about a concept they have been taught in school.

At home this means:

Giving children time to talk about the task and explain what they understand.

Offering ideas about how they might present their work, but encouraging independence.

Ensuring there is time and space to work without distractions.

How much each week?

The children will have a piece of work once a fortnight. Children should spend approximately 45 minutes on the learning log a week, though obviously this is a minimum and they may choose to spend more time, which is great! In addition the children will receive spelling and maths.

When?

The process of using a learning log involves developing thinking and learning skills which are enhanced by a 'peer partnership system'. This means that each child is encouraged to discuss and share their learning log with other children in the class. Your child's teacher will give oral feedback while the children are sharing their work with their peers.

Getting Started

Your child has been given a Homework Book. Every fortnight your child will be given a 'Learning Log Task' which will be stuck in the middle of a double page. You cannot use more than the double A4 page for the challenge, but..... you can use the double page spread as 'creatively' as possible. You can add fold out flaps, concertina flaps, extension sections, etc. to extend the amount of space you have available. The presentation is important and your child should be encouraged to write clearly and neatly, use the space sensibly, make their work exciting and inspiring- interesting to the reader. You can use all sorts of 'enhancing materials' such as stick on letters, arrows, decorative adhesive items - the world is your oyster! You can include photographs but please be aware of the following: All research carried out using the internet must be supervised by parents. We do not wish to see pages of printed out material from the internet stuck into our learning logs as this is a pointless exercise. The whole concept of 'independent research' revolves around the child discovering information, reading it and then presenting it in their own words in their learning logs in a creative way wherever possible. An information sheet containing guidance for yourself and your child will be stuck on the first page of the Learning Log.

How can we find out more about learning logs?

If you wish to gain more information about learning logs and to see how other schools are using them very successfully, visit www.learninglogs.co.uk

Thank you

Mr M Sinnett

LEARNING LOGS INFORMATION SHEET

- ★ The tasks will be set on a Friday.
- ★ Each task will have just under two weeks and should be returned on the Thursday.
- ★ Presentation - neat handwriting - you can use any colour ink.
- ★ Use a ruler to draw any straight lines.
- ★ Remember to always use capital letters, full stops and any other punctuation in the right places.
- ★ Good spelling is always something to be valued so do your best.
- ★ You can include drawings, miniature paintings, collages, photographs, diagrams, graphs, tables.
- ★ You can include factual writing, poems, stories, plays, labels.
- ★ You can use coloured pencils, gel pens, biro, glitter, glue, paint, rubber,
- ★ You can use stick on letters, borders, decorations.
- ★ If you need more room you can create flaps - the flaps must fold in neatly so that they do not stick out beyond the cover of the Learning Log.

ENJOY!!!!!!

If you have any questions regarding Learning Logs please ask your child's Class teacher for further information.