

Learning Project WEEK 1 - My Family

Age Range: Y5/6

Weekly Maths Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

- Working on [Times Table Rockstars](#). If your child works on [Numbots](#) in school they can access this with the same login.
- Get a piece of paper and ask your child to show everything you know about addition and subtraction. This could be pictures, diagrams, explanations, methods etc. They can be as creative as they want to be.
- Play on [Hit the Button](#) - focus on times tables, division facts and squared numbers.
- Get your child to work on their mental arithmetic by asking them to add/subtract increasingly larger numbers.
- Play the countdown numbers game: this can be done online but you could also make up your own!
<https://nrich.maths.org/6499>
- [Complete MYMATHS](#)

Weekly Reading Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

- Ask your child to read a chapter from their home reading book or a book that they have borrowed from the library.
- Following this, ask your child to summarise the events from the chapter. They could bullet point what happened, create a comic strip or present the information in their own creative way.
- Encourage your child to note down any unfamiliar words from the chapter they have read. Explore the meanings of these words by using a dictionary, reading around the sentence or using print conventions.
- Challenge your child to read something around the house that isn't a book. They can then complete their reading diary following this.

Weekly Spelling Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

- Encourage your child to practise the Year 5/ 6 Common Exception Words which can be found here: <http://st-marys.halton.sch.uk/PublishingImages/Pages/Home/Home%20Learning.pdf>
- Then ask your child to choose 5 Common Exception words. They can then write a synonym, antonym, the meaning and an example of how to use the word in a sentence.
- Your child can create a vocabulary bank about their family. They may want to use this for some of their writing tasks this week.
- Get your child to proofread their writing from the day. They can use a dictionary to check the spelling of any words that they found challenging. This will also enable them to check that the meaning of the word is suitable for the sentence.
- Year 6 children all have their own logins for spag.com and work will be set on this regularly.

Weekly Writing Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

- Ask your child to write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day. They can write this from their own perspective.
- Your child can think about a member of their family who is a hero/heroine to them. They can then create an information report about their chosen hero/heroine. Why not encourage them to interview that person and include some direct quotes from the interview?
- What makes your family different to other families? What makes them the same? Ask your child to write a poem about their family, they may even want to perform it too. .
- **Children should only be allowed to watch TV for one hour a day.** Do you agree/disagree? Write a discussion about this statement.
- **Story task:** Ask your child to design a setting for a story genre of their choice. They can think about any settings that they have encountered in stories before. They must then write a short description including expanded noun phrases.

Learning Project - to be done throughout the week

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to gain a better understanding of their own family. Learning may focus on the different makeup of families, what traditions your family has, stories linked to your family etc.

- **Music from the Past** - Your child can research music from the decade their parents, grandparents or other older family members were born. What were the most popular bands or singers during this time? Ask them to perform a song from this decade and create their very own dance routine. Encourage them to explain how they need to improve their performance in order to achieve their personal best. Who was number 1 in the charts on the day you were born?
- **Portraits and Photography**- Direct your child to take portrait photographs of their family members considering light and textures. Following this, they can then use the photographs to draw portraits in pen considering light and tone.
- **Classification**- Ask your child to design a classification key based on the simple physical features of their family. They can then test out the keys on each member of their family. Only use 'yes' or 'no' questions.
- **Nature vs Nurture**- Speak to your child about their appearance, their personality and their dreams for the future. How much of this do they believe is determined by their genes? How much of this is determined by their family/upbringing? Ask them to decide which traits are due to nature and which traits are due to nurture e.g. hobbies and interests or sense of humour. Try this out on other family members.
- **Mapping Skills** - Identify the countries or cities within the UK where their family members originate from or live. Children can then plot these on a map and then create a bar chart to show the number of family members who live/lived in each city/country.