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Dear Parents & Carers

Our KS2 children are currently working through the new Home Learning structure and are becoming more familiar with the process of Researching, Organising, Rehearsing and Presenting. We understand that it is a change from what the children are used to but we are supporting them with each step of the process so that they begin to feel more confident with what they are doing. Each weekly Home Learning activity should take approximately 20-30mins or 10mins over a couple of nights. The following information will give you a greater understanding of what is expected of the children:-

### **RESEARCHING**

Initially the children research images, pictures, maps, and other related information to start their project. We are encouraging them to write a description to go with the images they have chosen which could be information from their knowledge organiser or from online. Where children do not have access to the internet we are providing sessions on a lunchtime for the children to use the iPads / computers in school. The children only need 3 or 4 images as they will only be presenting for 2-3 minutes to their peers.

### **ORGANISING**

The children use the images and descriptions they have researched and organise what type of presentation they want to use, this depends on what they have easy access to at home and what they are comfortable using but may include presentation software such as: Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides, Apple Keynote, Apple Clips, Prezi etc (posters, storyboard, booklets will be used initially in Year 3). They are free to use their own IT skills to add additional features such as sound effects, labels, animations to make their work stand out. They will need to think about what they might say in their presentation to explain what they have found out from their research.

### **REHEARSING**

The children have time to rehearse their presentation to someone at home or just in front of the mirror. They are not expected to stand up in front of the class to present their work, although some children may feel confident enough to do that. We are encouraging the children to try to explain their findings clearly and concisely to their peers.

### **PRESENTATION**

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be using school iPads to present their work or the class PC and will have 2-3 minutes whilst Year 3 will initially be using a range of written methods, i.e. posters, booklets. Each child will have the opportunity to present to a group of peers in their class who may ask questions or give feedback on the presentation.

## STORING / SAVING WORK

Children in Years 4,5,& 6 should be logging into their school NTLP account and accessing their Google Team Drive, a shared online storage area for each year group that all pupils have access to. This Shared Drive will contain the Knowledge Organisers and also a folder for each pupil to store all of the information they have created for their Home Learning. They can access their Google Team Drive from any internet enabled device via a simple login process. If any children have difficulties logging in, they should speak to their class-teacher, who will help them. Children's work cannot be brought into school using a memory stick or other portable storage devices as it may contain viruses.

We hope this will help you to support your child with their Home Learning whilst also encouraging the children to develop their skills in finding information out for themselves, being able to speak in front of others and to have confidence in their own abilities.

We feel it is vitally important for the children to have a voice, to know how to get a point across to others and to listen to others but also to be listened to. The new structure of Home Learning is all carefully modelled to equip them with the skills and confidence to deal with the challenges of their continuing education and ultimately the world of work.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Flannaghan  
Headteacher

