

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School, we believe that learning does not stop when children leave the classroom. Homework provides valuable opportunities for children to practise skills, develop independence and share meaningful learning experiences with their families.

Alongside spellings and number work, we provide Creative Homework opportunities for our children. These activities are designed to encourage children and families to spend quality time learning together and are inspired by the National Trust's 50 Things to Do Before You're 11¾ activities. These experiences promote curiosity, creativity, physical activity and wellbeing, while helping children develop a lasting connection with nature and create positive family memories.

We believe that this type of homework is particularly valuable because it:

- Strengthens family relationships.
- Promotes communication.
- Supports children's physical wellbeing.
- Enhances mental health and wellbeing.
- Develops curiosity and creativity.
- Encourages a love of nature.
- Provides inclusive learning opportunities.
- Links learning to real-life experiences.

Homework also helps children to develop important life skills such as responsibility, resilience, perseverance, organisation and time management. It allows children to share their school experiences with those at home and helps parents and carers become active partners in their child's learning journey.

We understand that family life can be busy, which is why our Creative Homework activities are designed to be flexible, accessible and enjoyable. The focus is not on producing perfect pieces of work, but on spending quality time together, exploring new experiences and creating lasting memories. Children can share their experiences in a way that suits them, whether through photographs, drawings, writing or simply talking about what they have done.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can help our children become confident, curious and enthusiastic learners who enjoy discovering the world around them and are well equipped for lifelong learning.

Yours sincerely,

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