

Woolenwick Junior School

'Positive learning for all'

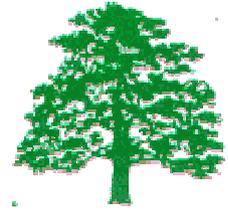
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Learning Logs Information Sheet for Parents/Carers

As you know, every week children are expected to complete two learning log tasks as part of their homework. Learning logs are a whole school approach at Woolenwick Junior School and encourage you to work with your children at home.

What is a learning log?

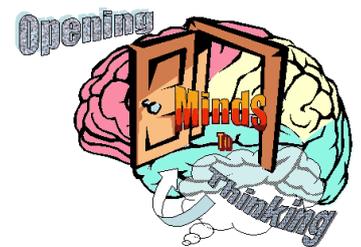
Learning logs are a unique personalised learning resource for children. In the learning logs, the children record their responses to learning challenges set by their teachers. Each log is an individual record of the child's thinking and learning.

Research shows that in schools where learning logs are used, they have become an essential part of teaching and learning 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 'traditional' homework
- encourage children to think about learning
- help parents/carers 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?

Learning logs are about being creative. Children can choose how they present their work and can extend their work with fold outs, photos, coloured pens/pencils, cut out pictures etc.

Each learning log is an A4 book with a plastic cover. The two tasks will be related to recent learning activities in school or research for future learning. Children can use a single page for each learning task- i.e. a double page spread for the two learning tasks each week.



How much each week?

The children will receive 2 pieces of learning log work a week. They should spend approximately 40 minutes altogether, although obviously this is a minimum and they may choose to spend more time, which is great! In addition the children will receive reading, spelling and times tables to learn.

When?

Learning logs will be given out on Fridays and are due in on Wednesday. Children will be able to start their learning logs at school so they will have a clear idea of where they are going with the learning when they get home.

What does the code mean on each piece of Learning Log work?

T: this means that the piece of work set is building on work **taught** during the week

R: this means the work set is **research**

N: This mean we are trying to find out what the children know about a **new** subject

Can my child use the computer for learning logs?

Yes, yes, yes! They can type up work etc. However when they are researching it is vital that when they use the information they find, they put it into **their own words**. This is a critical skill.

We hope this gives a clearer idea of learning logs. If you do have any further questions, please do ask either your child's class teacher or at the office.

Thank you,

Mike Crabtree
Headteacher

