Routine is key. Agree a set time for when Home Learning tasks are to be tackled.

The process is more important than the product. (But presentation is important!)

Take advantage of the 'buffet style' Home Learning structure. Discuss with your child which weekend is best for each task based upon your family's calendar. This will encourage them to think ahead and develop effective organisational skills.

It's not your homework! Let them take the lead; you are not being judged on the quality of the product.

If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.

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Home Learning

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Growth Mindset is the belief that abilities can be improved through effort and practice, and that mistakes should be seen as learning opportunities.



Home Learning Tips for Parents

1. Be a stage manager.

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do the task. Make sure the needed materials (paper, pencils, dictionary) are available.

Unless the task involves using a computer, power down electronics and remove other unnecessary distractions.

2. Be a motivator.

Be positive about Home Learning. Don't allow your negative memories to influence them!

The attitude you express about Home Learning will be the attitude your child acquires.

3. Be a role model.

Show your child how you learn positively. Learn alongside them. Help your child see that the skills they are practising are related to things you do as an adult.

4. Be a monitor.

Watch your child for signs of frustration. Help them to recognise their feelings. Use the language of the 'learning pit'. Remember, failure isn't a bad thing – 'mistakes are proof that you are learning'. If frustration sets in, suggest a short break.

5. Be a mentor.

Home Learning is a great way for children to develop independent, life-long learning skills. It is also a good way for you to be involved and informed about your child's learning.

