

# Cornerstones

## How Parents Can Help:

We try to involve parents who are invited throughout the year to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements. These occasions are very well supported and we appreciate your time in making them so successful!

We set 'talk at home' activities, often related to topic, for a number of reasons – particularly so that parents are always aware of their children's learning at school and can play an active role. It is fantastic when parents and families get involved and take an interest, so that the children can enjoy their work both at home as well as at school. It also provides an ideal opportunity to work on speaking, listening and communication skills. Often the children come back into school further enthused about the topic after a parent or family member has shown an interest, with lots to say and add to the topic! We welcome parents and visitors to school who have particular interests or expertise in the topics we study and children talking about their learning at school is often the best way to find out about these.



as well as discussions, there are many other ways parents can help. Giving the children opportunities to find out more about what they are studying can encourage them to become independent learners who see the value in 'going the extra mile'. Visits to libraries, access to books, relevant television programmes and films, supervised access to the internet and visits to places of interest all heighten the children's engagement.

Some year groups may set homework projects to complete over the school holidays in preparation for their next topic. This is an ideal opportunity for parents and other family members to work with children and create excitement before the topic has even begun!