## Top Tips for engaging Foundation Stage learners at home

## **Liaising with parents**

- 1. Set up/Agree an achievable expectation of what to complete during the day (e.g. 1 live meets and 1 activity or 1 outdoor session and 1 sensory activity)
- 2. Have a clear start and finish time
- 3. Use visual timetable to support sequencing and understanding of the day
- Now/Next board to support sequence of activities
   Consider always following a 'work' (now) activity with a 'fun' or 'reward' (next activity)
  - e.g. Maths then ipad
- 5. Ensure learner always knows what/how much is expected of them use sandtimers to support or be clear how many need to answer
- 6. Working towards boards when appropriate
- 7. Ensure breaks are regular and planned in throughout the day
- 8. If possible use a separate area at home which is tidy and clear of distractions
- 9. Set up a workstation if possible
- 10. Encourage parents to read with child to develop love of reading rather than focusing on fluency
- 11. Praise, praise and more praise

## Personalised planning

- 12. Ensure work is set at their level e.g. no phonics work sent home if they are a 'whole-word' reader
- 13. Consider if any workstation tasks can be sent home and liaise with parents regarding picking it up from school
- 14. Consider using sensory stories or resources found on HWB or youtube





