



How You Can Help Your Child in Reading

- Listen to your child read 4 times a week and complete their reading diary - aim for 10-20 minutes a day
- Log in regularly to check your child's assigned books online <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login>
- Encourage your child to read aloud, then ask them the Bug Club questions at the end
- Celebrate points or rewards from Bug Club to motivate them
- Use the focus sounds and words on the inside cover of their reading book
- Encourage sounding out and then blending
- Discuss the story together: "What happened first?" Or "How do you think the character feels?"
- Practise reading common exception and high frequency words
- Who are the characters?
- What is happening in the story?
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words.

Writing

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

- Talk about a sentence with an adult before writing
- Say a simple sentence about an object "*I can see a It is a*"
- Develop the use of sound mats and resources to support spelling of high frequency words
- Build a sentence word by word
- Use a capital letter to open and full stop to close
- Read a sentence to an adult to check if all the words are in the right order
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How You Can Help Your Child in Writing

- Encourage your child to speak in a full sentence - this helps when writing sentences
- Sounding out words: encourage your child to sound out words when they are unsure of the spelling. This reinforces their understanding of phonics.
- Practise tricky words - identify common 'tricky' words (words that don't follow phonetic rules) and practice them regularly. Flashcards or online games can be helpful.
- Practise letter formation - keep it short and positive
- Encourage your child to hold the pencil in a tripod grip with good seated posture.
- Write together - shopping lists, birthday cards, letters to family
- Incorporate writing into play- set up a post office/shop where writing is part of pretend play
- Practise writing in full sentences, remembering a capital letter, spaces between words and a full stop at the end
- Use online tools and games-BBC Bitesize, PhonicsPlay, Teach Your Monster to Read all include phonics and early writing games



Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

Place Value:

- Sort and count objects
- Count objects from a larger group
- Represent objects
- Recognise numbers as words (0-10)
- Count on from any number- 1 more and 1 less
- Count backwards within 10
- Compare groups by matching
- Fewer, more, same
- Less than, greater than, equal to
- Compare numbers
- Order objects and numbers
- The number line

Addition and Subtraction:

- Introduce parts and wholes
- Part-whole model
- Write number sentences
- Fact families- addition facts
- Number bonds within 10
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Addition problems (within 10)
- Find a part

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Count everything - stairs, buttons, apples in the fruit bowl
- Use real money - let them count coins, pay at the shop
- Try fun and free online resources - Topmarks, BBC Bitesize
- Use visual and hands-on resources- Counters or buttons, Lego or blocks
- Talk about maths during daily routines - 'If we have 3 apples and buy 2 more, how many will we have?'
- 'What shape is the...'