



Reading

How You Can Help Your Child in Reading

- Listen to your child read at least 4 times a week and complete their reading diary
- Remind children to notice punctuation
- Discuss the story together: "What happened?" "Why?" "How does the character feel?" "What would you do next?"
- Practise rereading sections to build fluency and expression
- Why do you think the author chose that word or phrase?
- Encourage reading beyond story books

Writing

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

- Writing defeating the monster stories using description
- Autumn poems with imagery
- Instructions - writing recipes
- Using expanded noun phrases
- Improving and broadening vocabulary
- choosing the most appropriate word for their writing
- Spelling Year 4 words

How You Can Help Your Child in Writing

- Encourage your child to tell you what they did at school speaking in the past tense, can they write a sentence about each day?
- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences - this helps when writing
- Encourage your child to write for different purposes in various forms, such as stories, emails, poems, wish lists or even diary entries
- Complete Spellzone activities including Spellzone Pathway
- Discuss new vocabulary when it arises



Maths

Place Value:

- Represent and partition numbers to 10 000
- Locate numbers up to 10 000 on a number line
- Find 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less
- Compare and order numbers to 10 000
- Roman numerals up to 1000
- Round to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000

Addition and Subtraction:

- Add numbers up to 10 000 using the formal method
- Subtract numbers up to 10 000 using exchanging
- Estimate and check answers
- Solve multi-step addition and subtraction problems

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Practise times tables up to 12 x 12, including the division facts
- Get them to show you their achievements on Times Tables Rock Star
- Use Sumdog, including completing the tasks set
- Encourage children to add numbers together mentally
- Get your child to explain thinking by asking "How did you work that out?"
- Ask questions such as "What is the value of the 7 in 7384?"
- Ask them to check answers by using the inverse (e.g., check $457 - 238 = 219$ by adding $219 + 238$)
- Play dice games, for example roll 4 dice, make a 2-digit + 2-digit calculation