

Reading

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
- If your child is using Bug Club, 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 questions at the end
- Celebrate your child's success on Bug Club or Accelerated Reader to motivate them
- Discuss the story together: "What happened first?" Or "How do you think the character feels?"
- Practise sounding out any tricky words together
- Who are the characters?
- What is happening in the story?
- Can you predict what might happen next?
- Did anything surprise you?
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words

Writing

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

- How to plan and write a persuasive advert
- How to write an instruction text
- How to write a report
- Spelling - year 3 words and words with prefixes, super-, anti-, auto-
- Using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing sentences
- Use 'a' or 'an' accurately according to the spelling of the following word
- Use conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs to express time, place and cause
- Organise writing into paragraphs
- Using capital letters and full stops and finger spaces to accurately punctuate sentences
- Use simple past and present perfect tense

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 a full sentence - this helps when writing sentences.
- Writing for different purposes - encourage your child to write in various forms, such as stories, letters, poems, shopping lists, or even diary entries. The more they write, the more comfortable they become.
- 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.
- Play fun with spelling games like Scrabble, Boggle, or online spelling quizzes.

Maths

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

Addition and Subtraction:

- Addition and subtraction with two 3- digit numbers (with and without exchanging).
- Check answers using the inverse (opposite) operation.

Multiplication and Division

- Revisit 2, 5 and 10 times tables including division facts.
- Introduce and recall 3, 4 and 8 times tables including division facts.

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Encourage your child to engage with TTRS and Sumdog homework.
- Practise counting in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s using songs, claps, jumps, or steps.
- Number bonds are pairs of numbers that add up to a specific number (like 10 or 100).
- Number bonds to 10: $1 + 9$, $2 + 8$, $3 + 7$, $4 + 6$, $5 + 5$.
- Number bonds to 100: $10 + 90$, $20 + 80$, $30 + 70$, $40 + 60$, $50 + 50$.