

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:

- Buddy stories and describing characters
- News reports with powerful verbs
- Speech punctuation
- 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 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:

Multiplication and division:

- Tables knowledge and related division facts up to 12 x 12
- Multiplying by 1 and by 0
- Dividing by 1 and by the number itself
- Multiplying 3 numbers together
- Solving problems involving multiplication and division

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Encourage your child to engage with TTRS weekly
- Access Sumdog weekly particularly multiplication and division areas
- Ask tables questions and related divisions. "How many 6s make ...?"
- Practise counting in 4s 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s and 12s using songs, claps, jumps, or steps.
- Give your child addition or subtraction calculations with up to four digits - this helps retain and reinforce this knowledge while the curriculum is focussed elsewhere. Encourage them to write them down using column method.