



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:

- Link 2 ideas in a sentence using *and*. *The tiger has sharp claws and big teeth.*
- Write several sentences about a thing or event.
- Name the letters of the alphabet in order.
- Begin to use letter names to spell words aloud.
- Spell some Phase 5 tricky words (oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked, could, would should).

How You Can Help Your Child in Writing

- Learn to spell the months of the year.
- Name the letters of the alphabet in sequence
- 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 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 within 20 (tens and ones)
- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Place value within 50 (tens and ones)

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- **Talk about numbers every day**
Encourage your child to count objects around the home such as toys, stairs, buttons, or pieces of fruit. This helps them understand that numbers are part of everyday life.
- **Use everyday routines to practise counting**
Count steps as you walk, plates when setting the table, or socks when sorting laundry. Repeating counting in real situations builds confidence and accuracy.
- **Involve your child in shopping**
Ask your child to help count items into the basket, recognise numbers on price labels, or talk about which item costs more or less.
- **Practise simple addition and subtraction naturally**
Use questions such as, "You have 3 grapes and eat 1. How many are left?" This helps children see maths as meaningful and useful.
- **Talk about shapes and patterns**
Point out shapes in the environment, such as doors, windows, or road signs. Look for patterns in tiles, clothing, or nature.
- **Encourage time awareness**
Talk about daily events using language like "before," "after," "morning," and "afternoon." Use clocks and timers to help your child understand time.
- **Use cooking and baking activities**
Let your child help measure ingredients, count spoonfuls, or talk about full and empty containers. This supports understanding of measurement.