



## **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:

- Writing a recount of an event in the past tense
- Using 'a' and 'an' accurately
- Using inverted commas when a character is talking in a story
- Organising writing into paragraphs
- Using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to accurately punctuate sentences
- Using simple past and present perfect tense

### **How You Can Help Your Child in Writing**

- Can your child tell you about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius which happened in 79AD in Pompeii?
- 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 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

- Revisit 2, 5 and 10 times tables including division facts
- Introduce and recall 3, 4 and 8 times tables including division facts
- Identifying multiples of 10 and using this knowledge to calculate problems
- Multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit (with and without exchanging)
- Divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit (with and without a remainder)
- Measurement of length in millimetres, centimetres and metres
- Compare, add and subtract lengths
- Understanding what perimeter is and calculating the perimeter of 2D shapes
- Understand what a numerator and denominator in a fraction is
- Compare and order fractions

### 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:  $10 + 90$ ,  $20 + 80$ ,  $30 + 70$ ,  $40 + 60$ ,  $50 + 50$
- Practise measuring objects accurately with a ruler
- Practise cutting food (eg. Pizza) into fractions