

**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:

- Expressing emotion in poetry
- Writing action sequences in stories
- Punctuating speech
- 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.
- Discuss different emotions
- 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. There are word lists in the reading record book.
- 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:

- Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100
- Multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit number
- Multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers by 1-digit number
- Equivalent measurements: metres and kilometres
- Perimeters of a variety of shapes (rectangles, rectilinear and polygons)
- Number of fractions within a whole number
- Fractions beyond 1 (mixed numbers)

**How You Can Help Your Child in Maths**

- Encourage your child to engage with and complete TTRS and Sumdog homework.
- Discuss with them how they have been taught to solve maths questions.
- Practise times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . This could be them chanting the chosen table or by answering questions given by you.
- Verbally practise division including with remainders
- Ask your child to explain their process and thinking when answering maths questions (e.g. "How did you work that out?")
- Practise perimeter by finding the perimeter of objects in the home (perimeter is the distance round the outside of a shape)
- Estimate lengths and then measure accurately
- Discuss how many of a particular fraction make one whole. Also ask them simple fraction number bond questions such as: "How many fifths are in one whole?"; "If I have two sevenths, how many more complete one whole?"
- If opportunity arises, discuss fractions in real-life setting, eg. pizza slices, chocolate pieces etc.