



## 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 time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions
- Descriptive writing
- Writing a balanced argument
- 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.
- Consider both sides of a question. For example, why school attendance matters, the importance of time without a screen.



## Maths

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

- Fractions:
- What is a mixed number?
- Ordering fractions
- Fractions on a number line
- Equivalent fractions
- Decimals:
- Tenths as fractions and as decimals

## How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Encourage your child to engage with TTRS and Sumdog homework.
- Food fractions:  
Cut pizza, toast or cake into equal parts.  
Ask: "If we cut this into 8 pieces and eat 3, what fraction is left?"  
Compare portions: "Is  $\frac{2}{4}$  the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?"
- Chocolate bar maths  
Break a bar into rows.  
"What fraction is one row?"  
"If we eat 3 pieces out of 12, what fraction is that?"