



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 portal story
- Using adjectives, prepositions and adverbs to add details to our writing
- Expanding vocabulary and choosing the most appropriate word for the situation
- Using inverted commas to punctuate speech and making the dialogue more realistic
- 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.
- 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:

- Decimals – tenths and hundredths
- Dividing 1 or 2 digit numbers by 10 or 100
- Comparing and ordering decimals
- Rounding to the nearest whole number
- Knowing the decimals for halves and quarters
- Money as decimals
- Converting pounds and pence
- Solving problems with money

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Encourage your child to engage with TTRS and Sumdog homework.
- Make sure they read a decimal with the individual digits. 0.75 is zero point seven five (not zero point seventy-five)
- Ask what shop prices are in pounds and pence
- Looking at a receipt and identifying the most / least expensive items
- Make amounts of money with actual coins
- Weighing and measuring