



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 story
- Writing and performing poetry
- Descriptive writing using similes and metaphors
- Organise writing into paragraphs
- Using capital letters and full stops and finger spaces to accurately punctuate sentences
- Use simple past and present perfect tense
- Using inverted commas to punctuate speech
- Expressing when, where and why events take place

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.



Maths

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

- Understand what a numerator and denominator in a fraction is
- Compare and order fractions
- Find equivalent fractions e.g. 1 half = 2 quarters
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Understand the difference between capacity and volume
- Weighing objects in grams and kilograms
- Adding and subtracting mass
- Measuring capacity and volume in millilitres and litres
- Comparing, adding and subtracting capacity and volume

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, 6s, 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 cutting food (eg. Pizza) into fractions
- Look at an online fraction wall <https://mathsbot.com/manipulatives/fractionWall>
- Fill measuring jugs with water
- Identify mass and volume on food and drink labels
- Place fruit and vegetables on the scales in the supermarket