



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 letter
- Broadening vocabulary
- Traditional stories from Zimbabwe
- Possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases

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.
- Encourage completion of SpellZone homework
- 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:

- Time: Years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds. 24 hour clock.
- Shape: 2D, symmetry, polygons, angles
- Statistics: Bar charts, line graphs
- Position and direction: co-ordinates
-

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
- Learn to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks
- Ask how long it is until a certain event eg bedtime, the end of term, going out.
- Play battleships.