

How you can help your child at home?



Reading:

It doesn't matter if your child is in the Reception Class or in Year 6, reading daily is important.

Reading affects all aspects of education and if your child cannot read there is a good chance that they will find everything at school difficult.

What can you do?

- Make sure that your child has an appropriate book for their reading level. The class teacher/ TA will help you with this.
- Share a book and read with your child. Even the oldest children enjoy being read to. Discuss the story as you go along, predict what you think will happen in the end etc.

Spelling:

Often the class teacher will send spellings home. Please practise these with your child as often as possible. It is hard for a child to learn spellings alone, they will be most successful if you look at the words together and then call them out for them to spell.

Handwriting:

You can help your child by practising handwriting twice a week until they are fluent. Your class teacher will give you a sheet to help you form the letters in the school style.

Maths:



Knowing the basics in maths is important; without this knowledge a child cannot succeed in maths.

You can help by practising the following:

1. Reading and writing numbers (Older children should be able to read and write numbers in the millions!)
2. Counting.
3. Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. (eg. $3+7=10$
 $2+8=10$ etc)
4. Naming shapes
5. Times tables-Have a set of tables available for your child to learn with.
6. Counting money
7. Telling the time.
8. Doubling and halving.

10 minutes on one of these a night will really help your child. If you are stuck as to how to phrase the questions please ask your class teacher.

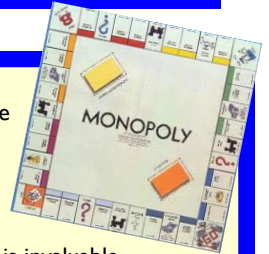
Topic Work:

On occasions your child will be asked to research a class topic. You can help your child by sitting with them as they research in a book or on the computer and help them to understand what they are reading. (Please make sure that he/she does not just print off a page from the internet)

Using Fronter

Each class has their own Fronter room. (your child has access to it via their log in) Teachers spend a great deal of time updating their Fronter Rooms so that it includes work covered in class, forums for debate, games and activities linked with class work.

Play games (not on the computer)



Spend some time with your child playing board games. This is invaluable, not only will it teach your child social skills, such as sharing and turn taking but it will also help with learning strategies for problem solving.

Chatting

Always talk to your child about their school day, don't let them get away with answers like " It was ok!" Be specific with your questions eg "What did you do in maths today?" Being able to hold a conversation and talk at length about a particular topic is often what separates our able children from those who struggle.



If you can speak a language other than English please teach your child to speak in that language too. Being able to converse in more than one language is an impressive skill. (If they can read or write in a second language, even better!)