

Ways to Help your Child

Reading – Every week your child will be sent home with a new recommended read book and a reading book. Please support them to look after these and ensure your child accesses both texts at home regularly. Learning Logs should be brought to school daily. These are checked weekly to ensure children are reading at home and this is where you can request further support for your child with reading. In addition, we strongly encourage the children to read a range of books linked to their interests outside of school – the more texts, the better! If your child is struggling to find reading material to engage them, let me know and we will help. Joining the local library is a huge benefit for all children as it opens their possibilities when choosing books. I would highly recommend heading down and signing up if you haven't already as they also hold lots of fun activities and events throughout the year for children to engage with.

Writing – We will be working hard this year to develop the children's stamina and enthusiasm for writing at length. We will do lots of exercises to get our finger muscles working and will engage with a range of exciting texts to capture the children's interests. We actively encourage the children to practise these skills at home too. If your child creates a written piece that they are particularly proud of at home, please do bring it to school so that they can share it with their teachers and peers. Use the writing challenges in the Learning Logs to get your child's creative juices flowing!

Handwriting – Please find handwriting guidance within the Learning Logs. We will practise this daily as part of our routine in class. The children seem to find it quite calming and therapeutic so possibly a good choice of activity to practise at home! We are encouraging the children to make sure their letters sit neatly on the line and are of an appropriate size.

Spelling - If you would like to practise spellings with your child, please refer to the zero tolerance words, tricky words and common exception words in the learning log. If your child finds some of the spellings easy, challenge them to put them into sentences as well!

Maths – In the Autumn Term, we will be focusing on place value within 10, adding and subtracting within 10 and touching on shapes and their properties. The children are enjoying this as, whilst we are 'topping up' their learning with additional content, it greatly consolidates their learning from last year. We are aiming to create a classroom of eager and keen mathematicians with a 'can do' attitude to challenges. Please refer to the many website links and activities within the Learning Logs to guide you for appropriate tasks that the children can access from home to support their learning at school.

As always, if you feel that alternative support is required for your child or if you have any queries or questions, please feel free to speak to a member of the Year 1 team who will gladly help.