

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. 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. 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 us and their class mates. 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 handwriting at least three times per week. 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 within the guide lines 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! We will be learning a different spelling rule each week. These will be 'soft-tested', so no list of words will go home; however, children can practise the rule using Spelling Shed and completing the assignments set.

Maths – In the Autumn term, we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will complete maths meetings each day, to embed and consolidate our prior learning. We will be learning all the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 this year. When learning facts, I recommend using [mathsisfun.com](https://www.mathsisfun.com) (multiplication trainer) as this identifies errors and will focus on them. Once your child is confident on recalling the facts, they should use TTRockStars to develop their speed of recall. Maths passports will be an independent maths task children can work towards this year. They will need to ask different adults to 'test' them on the facts and once they have been verified they will receive a certificate in assembly.

There are suggested websites in the Learning Log, which your child can access at home to further embedded their learning.