

Reading

Read, read, read! So that child can build on their reading skills and develop confidence to read broadly and fluently ensure your child has access to a wide range of different types of text. You could read books, magazines, letters, shopping lists, instructions, timetables, the computer, text on the TV, in fact anything you can get your hands on! You could even visit the local library! It's important that you continue to read to your child too. This will enable your child to have access to new vocabulary, have opportunities to talk about the book and develop a love of reading.

Book Talk – Use the title, cover pages, pictures and 'blurbs' to predict what the book might be like. Encourage your child to spot any unfamiliar words and discuss their meanings.

Comprehension – Talk about the books when you have finished reading together. Ask questions about what has been read. Why has this happened? Why did the character do or say that? How does the character feel? What might happen next?

Phonics

Word Sort – children sort real and made up words into two piles. Words could contain a targeted spelling/sound pattern e.g. 'ee', 'oo', 'ar' etc

Digraph Spotter – Look for words containing a given sound pattern e.g. words with the 'ai' sound and make a list.

Alternative digraphs – Sort words that have the same phonemes but the digraphs are spelt differently e.g. ai, ay, a-e, rain, ray, cake.

Spelling Rules – Spot what happens to words when you add different endings such as ing, ed, est. shop becomes shopping

Phoneme Flick – Encourage your child to use their fingers to segment words for spelling. Ask them how many phonemes (sounds) they can hear and how many letters they see.

LSCWC – Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. Good for memorising how to spell words. Practise writing the spellings in the context of sentences.

Writing

Sentence doctor – Write short piece of text with missing punctuation. Read. Does it sound write? Add capitals letters, full stops, question marks, commas and exclamation marks so that it is correct.

Rainbow sentences. Write sentences in different colours – make sure that sentences don't all finish at end of a line.

Change the verb/noun – Have a simple sentence such as 'the car went down the road'. Ask your child to identify the verb (went) and change it to add detail for the reader, e.g. raced, sped, spluttered, crawled. Repeat with the noun(s) car could be tractor, racing car, rocket etc.

Sentence polishing – Have a simple sentence with spelling mistakes, incorrect tense or words missed out. Read the sentence and correct it so that it makes sense. Alternatively, have a simple sentence that your child could add an exciting adjective, adverb or sentence opener to add detail.

Maths

Counting – At home, or when you are out, count! Count in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, and 10s forwards and backwards. Start from different numbers to make it more interesting. You could count steps, stairs, doors, cars anything you like!

Ping pong number bonds – Give your child a number and have your child give you the pair to make 10, 20 or 100. How quickly can they answer? E.g you say 6, they say 4. You say 7, they say 3. You say 70, they say 30.

Number machine – When you put a number in the machine it adds 10. Now my number is 34. What was the number before it went into the machine? Repeat using different operations/numbers. E.g addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. See if your child can spot patterns and explain what they notice.

Shape – Go shape spotting! What 2D and 3D shapes can you find inside and outside the home? Can your child find any 2D shapes on 3D shapes?

Reading Websites

Storyline online: A range of stories read by different adults and famous celebrities.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Online books for children: A variety of online stories for children.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/index.html>

Jack and the beanstalk: A story to listen to and read and discuss.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/english/jack and the giant beanstalk](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/english/jack_and_the_giant_beanstalk)

Roald Dahl Website: A variety of activities based on Roald Dahls books.

<https://www.roalddahl.com/home/kids>

Phonics Websites

Phonics Play: A brilliant website with lots of fun interactive games to play linked to Letters & Sounds

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

BBC Deep Sea Phonics: Phonics computer game pitched at 3 varying levels of challenge.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

Literacy games: A website with fun ways to practice spelling.

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Pirate spelling: A fun way to spell correctly.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/spelling/play/>

Writing Websites

Kung Fu Sentences: Different levels of sentence to order to check sentences make sense.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/making_sentences/play/

Star ships: Grow your own story from the story planet

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/english/storyplant.shtml>

Alien Punctuation: Capital letters and full stops

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/using_punctuation/play/

Maths Websites

Topmarks: A range of interactive numeracy games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

ICTgames: Lots of fun and game based maths learning opportunities.

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

Primary Games Arena: Links to different websites appropriate for Year 2 maths

<http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-2>

4Games: A range of maths games for 4 to 7 year olds.

<http://games.e4education.co.uk/groupone/#MathsGames>