

How to encourage your child to read

1. Do encourage your child to choose his/her own books.
2. Don't assume that just because you enjoyed the book - they will!
3. Encourage them to read whatever they can - not just story books.
4. Use e-books, CD ROMs and the internet. This interactive approach to reading is very effective.
5. Let them read their favourite types of books and favourite authors.
6. Look out for books that have won awards.
7. Understand that book covers are important. If books are eye-catching, children will want to read them.
8. Find books about issues that your child may be worried about.
9. Let them see that you enjoy reading too.
10. Encourage them to read books with audio-tapes.
11. Encourage them to talk to their teachers for advice. We have lots of reading lists to spark their interest.



How to support your child's learning

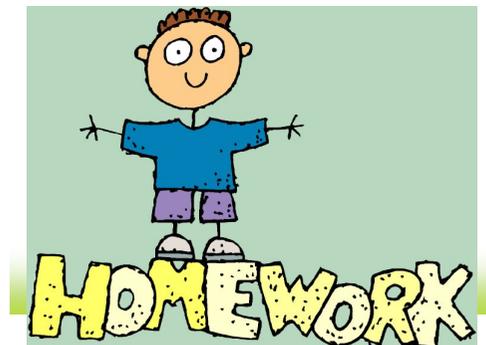
1. With homework, ask your child to explain what it is that they have to do. This will make them think through the task clearly.
2. If they show you their homework, ask them to read it to you. This avoids the problem of you spotting all the spelling and punctuation errors, and makes them proof-read their work.
3. If they ask you how to spell something avoid saying, "Look it up in the dictionary." Many children learn new spellings through auditory and visual awareness, i.e. hearing how it is spelt and then writing it down.
4. Try to encourage your child to write with an ink or handwriting pen.
5. Encourage your child to use a thesaurus for all their work. A wider vocabulary is one of the most important springboards to success across the curriculum.
6. Encourage them to realise that being good at reading and writing is a skill most people have to work at and that they can improve....and will with your help!



TOP TIPS for supporting

Home Study

(Reading, writing, researching,
spelling, speaking and
listening)



Top TEN TIPS FOR READING

1. Read.
2. Subscribe to a magazine of your child's interest or hobby.
3. Create the reading space and insist on at least 20 minutes per day.
4. Make the time to ask your child about their reading.
5. Encourage your child to get as many reading certificates as possible.
6. As a family, instead of channel hopping use Sky viewing guide or find the TV guide in the newspaper.
7. Buy a newspaper - talk about the contents. First News is perfect for primary school children.
8. Read all the words you come across together, in public places - eg on a shopping trip. Record the words. Make it a game for a week.
9. Visit the library regularly.
10. Go into a bookshop with your child and buy a book that your child wants.



Top TEN TIPS FOR WRITING

1. Be seen writing - at least once a week.
2. Shopping lists - let your child write these. Telephone messages - keep a pad and pen beside the phone so that your child can write the message down.
3. Help your child to improve their writing by proof-reading their writing, as often as possible.
4. For serious handwriting problems, ask the SENCO or class teacher for a handwriting programme to follow at home.
5. Use writing frames to help your children with answering questions and making notes.
6. Keep a diary for a week together - have a laugh over it.
7. Buy a diary for your child.
8. Write a letter/e-mail instead of phoning.
9. A family argument? Write a list of the main grievances and possible solutions.
10. Doodle with a purpose. (Try to use graph paper).



Top TEN TIPS FOR SPELLING

1. Make a list of key spellings in a 'Spellofax' to support spelling in all subject areas.
2. Check that your children can spell their name and address correctly—using capital letter at the beginning of each word.
3. Have a dictionary and thesaurus for checking words.
4. Proof-read homework for spelling.
5. Offer to test your child on spelling lists.
6. To learn new words use Look Cover Say Write Check.
7. Choose a word from the newspaper - have a Spelling Word of the Week displayed for each member of the family.
8. Play word and rhyme games in the car.
9. Look for incorrect spellings in adverts.
10. Use a Spellmaster and/or spell-check facility on the computer. Add to 'Spellofax'.

