

How can I help my child to learn at home?

As a parent, you have an important part to play in helping your child to learn. Many of the skills needed are not learned automatically and children need encouragement and practice to be able to use them. Young children love to learn as they play with their parents. Here are a few ways that you can help your child:

TALKING AND LISTENING

Children need lots of encouragement and practice to LISTEN as well as TALK!



- Ask your child lots of questions eg. What have you learnt at school today?
- Name and describe objects around you.
- Talk to your child about colours, numbers, letters and words in the World around them.
- Rhythm is important. Use words of varying length and perhaps play clapping games to "clap" words (e.g. playground / su-per-man).
- Talk about what you can hear when you are out and about with your child or in the home.
- Play silly rhyming games e.g. make up silly names for one another e.g. maddy daddy, Ellie jelly etc.
- Play running games using words such as *on top of*, *underneath*, *next to*, *beside etc.*
- Teach new words by playing games such as Simon Says.

SOCIAL SKILLS

To help your child make and develop friendships it is essential that your child attends school regularly. Please make sure they come to school for every session - it makes a huge difference! In addition to this you can also....



- Play games with your child which encourage turn taking and sharing.
- Encourage your child to listen to and carry out simple instructions.
- Encourage your child to become more independent by doing simple tasks by themselves (even if it takes longer to get the job done!) such as putting their shoes and coat on, buttering their toast, tidying their toys away etc.
- Encourage your child to play and interact with other children.

HELP WITH READING

- Set aside special times for reading and create cosy reading situations.
- Talk about the sounds in words - what does apple start with? Can you hear what cat ends with? Please try to use the sounds of the letters as opposed to the letter names to begin with.
- Let your child choose books that he/she wants to read or have read to them.
- Talk about the front cover, pictures and what might happen in the story?
- Use books with flaps.



- Continue to read aloud to your child, providing a good model, long after your child learns to read.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS



Children love to be outdoors and they learn about the world through participating in activities such as walks in the local area / visits.

Jigsaws, games, painting, drawing, computer programmes etc. can help your child to learn colours, shapes, numbers and spelling etc.



HOW SCHOOL WILL HELP

- We will provide books for your child to read each evening / for you to read to your child (in FS2).
- We may send talk learning home. You would need to discuss this with your child ready for their learning back in school.
- Other learning may also be sent home to consolidate learning that has taken place in school.



Home Learning

In Phase 1

