

Supporting your Child's Learning in Core areas

Level Three (Years 5 & 6)

Reading



Your child is learning to:

- Read at level 3 of the Curriculum.
- Read, non-fiction, chapter books, magazines and information online.
- Read longer stories more quickly and read for longer periods.
- Find information and ideas easily in stories.
- Use clues in stories to answer questions.
- Work out words they don't know the meaning of by using clues.
- Skim and scan to find important information.
- Use sub-headings and key words to answer questions.
- Know they need to read from several sources to get accurate information for their learning.

How to help at Home:

- Have discussions about books.
- Encourage and support internet research for learning.
- Have plenty of books and magazines in your home.
- Keep reading to your child.
- Discuss difficult ideas or vocabulary.
- Identify authors they like and visit the library.

Writing



Your child is learning to:

- Write at Level 3 of the curriculum.
- Choose the type of writing to suit the audience.
- Plan what they will write in different ways.
- Organise their writing logically using paragraphs as well as sub-headings, diagrams and pictures.
- Chose their words carefully to suit the topic and to make people want to read their work.
- Check their writing to make sure it makes sense and edit.
- Spell most words correctly and use appropriate punctuation.

How to help at Home:

- Encourage your child to write.
- Get them special pens and a journal.
- Send letters and emails.
- Encourage them to express an argument for something to persuade you.
- Draw up a contract for daily jobs.
- Discuss ideas they are wanting to write and elaborate on.
- Share an enjoyment in writing and praise effort.

Mathematics



Your child is learning to:

- Work at Level 3 of the curriculum.
- Solve problems that require choosing the best method; add, subtract, multiply or divide.
- Use repeated halving or known multiplication facts to solve problems using fractions.
- Find the value of a given number in a pattern.
- Sort, create and identify shapes.
- Measure time and find the area and volume of objects.
- Use grid references on maps and points of a compass.
- Draw objects from different view points.
- Explain results of investigations and patterns.
- Experiment to work out likelihood of an event.

How to help at home:

- Count forwards and backwards using fractions.
- Talk about large numbers in their environment like computer games.
- Talk about phases of the moon.
- Talk about patterns in the sky and the changing seasons.
- Make dinner with them and talk about measuring and fractions.
- Get them to help at the supermarket discussing weights and costs.
- Practice and learn times tables.