

<u>Helping at home</u>



Phonics

Parents can play a big part in helping children build confidence with their phonics. Spending just a few minutes each day listening to your child read, encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words, and praising their efforts can make a big difference. You can also support learning by playing simple word and sound games, spotting letters and sounds in everyday places like signs or labels, and enjoying stories together. Most importantly, keep reading fun and positive—this helps children develop both their skills and a love of reading.

Reading

Please support your child with reading at home - they can read to you whilst you're cooking tea, at bed time, in the car on the way home and just about anywhere. Five minutes a day or more can really help develop your child's literacy skills which will support them accessing the whole curriculum, and open up the world of reading for pleasure too. Plus every time your child reads at home and has their Reading Diary signed, they earn a Reading Token which they can spend in the school's Book Shop!



Sumdog

Sumdog is a fun and interactive way for children to practise their maths skills at home. The games are designed to match each child's learning level, helping them build confidence while enjoying themselves.

Regular use of Sumdog can strengthen key number skills and support the work they are doing in school. If your child does not yet have a login, please speak to their class teacher, who will be happy to provide one.





Maths

Help yourself to help others

If a fear of maths has you hiding from homework, we can help! With a little help from National Numeracy, you can build your number confidence and skills, and begin to feel more prepared for when children come to you for help, and help pass your confidence onto them.

The free National Numeracy Challenge is designed to help you! It's a free, quick and easy way to check your skills and confidence with numbers, where you can go at your own pace, with learning resources tailored to you and your level. It helps with the maths we come across at work and in daily life – not algebra, or trigonometry. You can get started in just 10 minutes, and join the 600,000 others that have already started their journey to number confidence. Give it a go!

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Please make sure all uniform (including ties) has your child's name on.