

Helpful ideas to promote your child's learning



Phonics



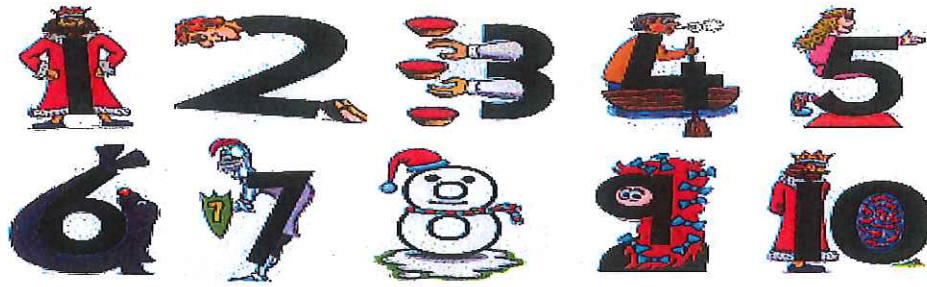
- Encourage your child to show you the action and songs they have learned in class
- Play I-spy with the sounds they are learning
- Practise the formation of the letters
- Cut out sounds from magazines and newspapers
- Begin to build words (3 letter words) with your child's sound cards
- A variety of games - snap with the sounds, matching pairs, spot the object
- Practise writing your name and encourage writing eg Thank you letters, invitations, birthday cards etc

Reading



- **Before reading:** Discuss the front cover of the book and make predictions
- **Asking throughout the story:** What's happened, why it's happened and how the characters are feeling?
- Can the child make links with their own life experiences and identify with what has happened in the story
- **After reading:** Can you re-tell the story and what did you learn? What did you enjoy most about the book?

Maths



- Encourage your child to look for numbers in their own environment, e.g. a number hunt
- Search for numbers in newspapers and magazines
- Asking them questions, e.g. what is one more, one less, the number before and after the number, the number between
- Dot to dot books to help with the order of numbers and recognition of numbers
- Encourage simple addition/ subtraction i.e. in the supermarket, setting the table and other day to day tasks
- Encourage them to recognise how they use maths in their everyday lives - time, pattern, measure, days of the week, calendar, months of the year and birthdays etc.

Homework



- Homework helps to consolidate learning in class and is extremely beneficial to your child
- Homework should be fun and should not take any longer than 15 minutes
- Please ensure your homework bags are returned to school every day with all your jotters and sound tubs /cards
- Please ensure you sit with your child when they are completing their homework and sign their diary