**How can I best support my child’s progress in English?**

* Encourage your child to adopt and sustain a reading habit. Reading for around twenty minutes even a few times a week will improve their literacy skills considerably.
* Support your child in selecting appropriately challenging reading material.
* Talk to your child about the books they read and try to spark an enthusiasm for literature. Perhaps ask them about the characters, or to summarise the main events so far.
* Encourage your child to read in different genres and provide access to quality newspapers if possible.
* Ensure your child has a quiet place to read or to complete homework.
* Spend time revising and discussing the rules for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
* Encourage your child to complete some of the supplementary written exercises on our departmental webpage.
* Read what they have written and offer feedback on what they’re doing well and how they could improve.
* Help to ensure your child is organised and comes to class with the materials they need.
* Encourage your child to catch up on any work missed due to absence.