


What can you do to help?

Phonics

- Revise the Phase 2, 3 and 4 Reception sounds and blends with your child
- Help your child to practise reading the high frequency and tricky words
- Encourage your child to segment and blend words when reading
- Stretch words (say them slowly) if your child is struggling

Reading Skills

When you are reading, don't forget about...
Very Smart Rhinos In Pyjamas



V is for vocabulary (the words authors use).




S is for sequencing (the order they choose).

R is for retrieval (find it and write it down).

I is for inference (asking 'why?' and 'how?').

P is for prediction ('what will happen next?').

To read like a smart rhino, just follow these 5 steps!



What can you do to help?

- Listen to your child read regularly (preferably every night)
- Encourage them to re-read books to build confidence
- Discuss the text with your child, asking them simple questions to gauge their understanding
- Read to your child to build up their vocabulary

Spelling



We will complete weekly spelling activities on new sounds we have been learning and high frequency/tricky words.

There will be no test but we encourage you to practise reading and writing these alongside the Spelling Shed games.

What can you do to help?

- Help your child to learn spellings set each week.
- Encourage your child to use the spellings they have learnt in their writing to secure their understanding
- Practise learning spellings in creative ways to engage your child, e.g. writing in sand at the beach or in paint

What can you do to help?

Writing

- Encourage your child to use the correct letter formation
- Encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly
- Ensure your child is sitting properly on their chair when writing
- Remind them to use finger spaces, capital letters, full stops etc.
- Encourage them to use their phonics knowledge to sound unfamiliar words
- Remind them to spell high frequency/tricky words correctly in their writing

What can you do to help?

Maths

- Help your child to practise the correct number formation
- Practise counting forwards and backwards from different numbers
- Help your child to find one more/one less than a number
- Begin to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10
- Discuss the days of the week and months of the year with your child