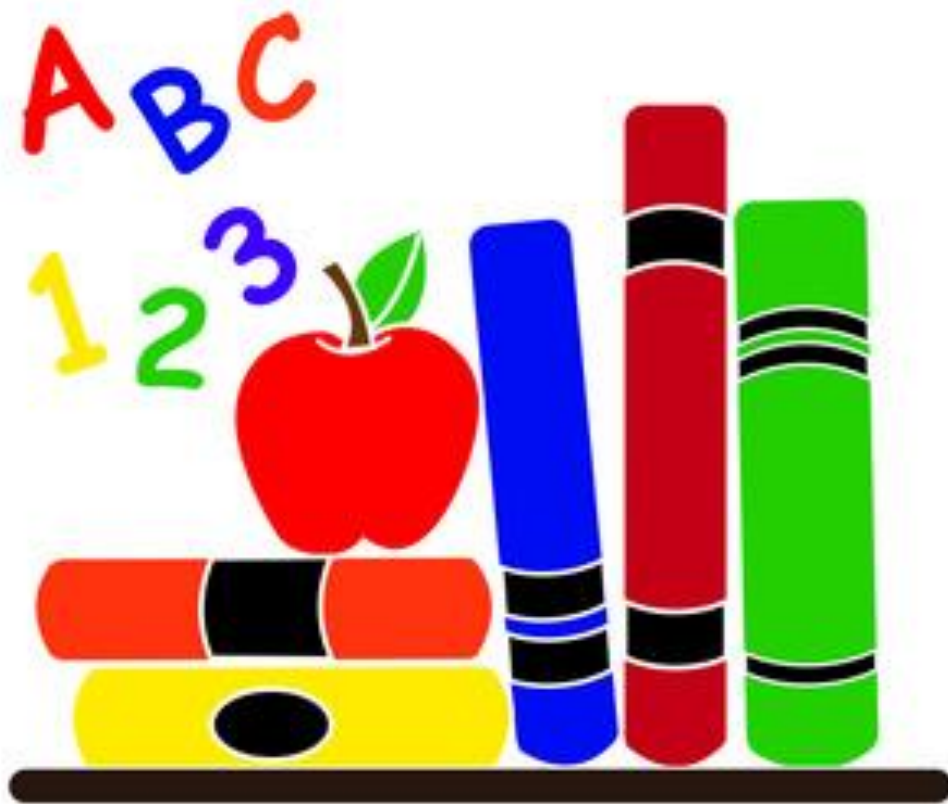


HELPING AT HOME

Key Stage 1



Monks Orchard Primary School

Homework Policy

We, at Monks Orchard, believe that homework is important because it provides an opportunity for children to:

- Consolidate and reinforce skills and ideas learned in the classroom to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve basic skills, eg reading, tables, number bonds, etc.
- Extend classroom skills into the wider world and relate learning to their lives.
- Share experiences learned at school with parents and siblings, so developing effective home-school partnership.
- Prepare for independent study by developing the skills of self-discipline and confidence.
- Enjoy learning in an active way through games, puzzles and discussions.

Why Help?

A parent is the child's natural teacher. School and home should work in harmony to support the child's learning.

How Can I Help?

You can help by supporting reading, spelling, maths and occasional topic tasks.

How Can I Help with Reading?

Each day your child will choose a book to bring home - frequent reading activities are the key to success.

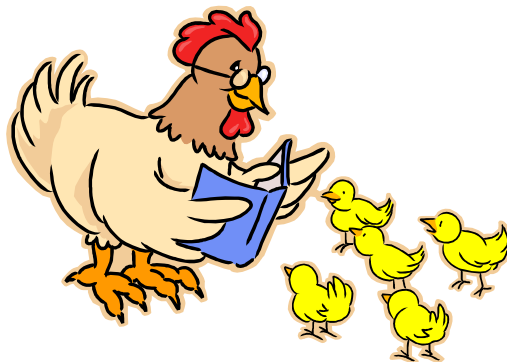
What you do depends on the nature of the book and your child.

You could choose one or two of the following:

- Read the story.
- Share the book, discussing events, pictures and words.
- Ask questions, making sure the child understands the text.
- Pick out key words or initial sounds.
- Read together, building the child's confidence.

This should be an enjoyable session for parent and child because it is important that:-

CHILDREN SEE ADULTS ENJOYING READING



Can I Help with Spelling?

After the first half-term of Year 1 the children will bring home some simple spellings to learn.

These will increase in number and length during Year 2.

The spellings can be learnt by repetition which could be treated as a game.

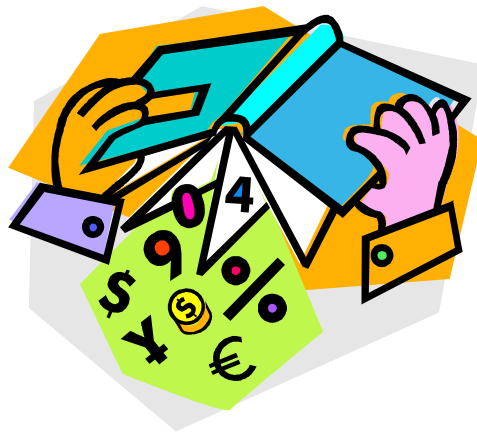
One parent made up a 'quiz show' for her children for spellings and number bonds.

Children enjoy learning more if it is fun.



What Support Should We Give to Mathematics?

1. Much of the knowledge needed for maths targets (learning numbers to 100, bonds to 5, 10, 20, multiplication tables) can be gained whilst playing games.
2. The children will be given maths homework which will link to what they have been learning in class.
3. After the first half-term, children will begin rapid recall tests that will be sent home. Please help your child go over the questions they have got wrong.



How Much Help Should I Give?

The most important thing to remember when helping young children at home is that it should be a pleasure for parent and child.

A few minutes every day is probably better than an occasional long, tiring session.

Try to encourage and praise success rather than dwell on faults.

