

**Kingswells
Primary
School
Helpful Hints
For
Homework**

Primary 3



This booklet contains hints and ideas for you to try out with your child, as an aid to homework tasks and to their learning potential in general. We hope that you will find this series of leaflets both helpful and informative. If there are any aspects of this leaflet you wish to discuss, please contact school.
Thank you for your support.

READING

At this stage, parents should hopefully continue to hear their child read aloud, encouraging clarity and expression. It would also be helpful for parents to:

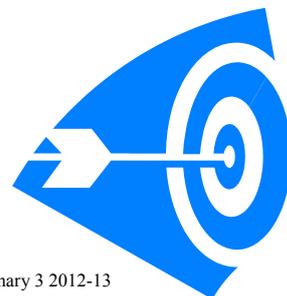
- Discuss the text
- Ask what it is about
- Ask what kind of text it is - is it a story, poem, play, etc.?
- Practise putting events from the text in order
- Discuss the meaning of tricky/new words/vocabulary.
- There may also be some reading activities to accompany the book which you may wish to discuss with your child.

PHONICS / SPELLING

Continue to encourage your child to remember and practise spelling words covered previously. Spelling words from Jolly Phonics will continue progressing to using the Nelson Spelling Scheme. You can help your child to LOOK at each word, SAY it, COVER it, WRITE it from memory and then CHECK it. This should be repeated 3 times.

LANGUAGE WORK

Encourage legible handwriting, neat presentation and self-checking of simple spelling. More difficult words can be left uncorrected so that the teacher can see the attempt made. Always encourage your child to use the best words they can in any written work.



PREPARING A TALK

You could help your child find suitable information and talk about it in a clear and organised way.

MATHS

Some maths homework will be oral, such as learning tables or number bonds, and does not have to be written down. Try to encourage quick recall of 'families' of facts. For example:

- $7 + 5 = 12$ so $5 + 7 = 12$ so $12 - 7 = 5$ and $12 - 5 = 7$.
- $3 + 2 = 5$ so $13 + 2 = 15$ so $23 + 2 = 25$, etc.
- $3 \times 2 = 6$ and $2 \times 3 = 6$

Mental strategies are used for most "sums" but where written work is needed, please encourage your child to show their working.

If you are not sure of a method, ask your child to explain to you how they do it.

Other mathematical resources can be found at:
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk
in maths zone.

PROBLEM SOLVING / DESIGN / INVESTIGATION

In this type of job there is often no correct answer. Encourage your child to think carefully about the task and discuss ideas with you. Help as little or as much as you feel is needed but please do not DO the task for your child. Your child should always be able to tell the teacher what he / she did or used or tried and why.



PROJECT / FINDING OUT TASKS

If required, please help your child to: Find a suitable resource (please give assistance in making sure books/ websites are at an appropriate level).

- Find the answer to a question / problem.
- Answer the question set in their own words.

Please discourage your child from copying / printing out a large amount of information they do not understand.

Useful Websites and Contacts

- Grid Club: www.gridclub.com
- Parentzone: www.ltscotland.org.uk/parentzone
- BBC Parents: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents
- BBC Dynamo: www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/parents
- BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize
- Channel 4 Homework: www.channel4learning.com/apps/homeworkhigh
- Parent Network Scotland: www.parentnetworkscotland.org.uk
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