

Key Stage 1 reading and spelling activities

Share a text – Either take turns to read with your child, reading a few sentences each or read along together. This will give your child the confidence to attempt tricky words whilst developing fluency.

Pairs – Write words on cards. These can be weekly spellings, words from a reading book or linked to a topic. Ask your child to turn over 2 words, read them and try and match 2 corresponding cards. If they do not match, then turn them back over and try again. Try and memorise where the cards are.

Go fish – Write down 10 to 20 words from a reading book or from your child's spellings. There should be 2 of each word. Shuffle and deal 3 to 5 cards to each player. Place the rest of the deck face down. Players take turns asking each other for a card to match one held in his or her hand. If the opponent has a matching card, it is given over, and the first player takes another turn. If the opponent does not have a 'match', he or she says "Go Fish" and the player draws from the remaining deck of cards. The next player takes a turn. Each time a player has a 'match', he or she reads the words, and puts down the pair, face up. Continue the game until the cards are all used up.

Make it rhyme – Pick up a card and read e.g. train. Say a word that rhymes with this word and write it down e.g. brain.

Rhyming ping pong – 2 or more people can play. Firstly pick a word. The other person says a word that rhymes with it. Keep exchanging rhyming words until you can think of no more e.g. shed, bed, red, head, fed, lead etc. You can either just say the words or have a go at writing them down.

Word hunt – Hide weekly spelling around the house. Children must search for them, read them, write them and check them.

Songs and rhymes – Share songs and rhymes with your child. This will help them explore the meaning of words and they may even be able to make up some similar rhymes or verses of their own by changing words.

Useful websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcgv39q>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p> - all KS1 subjects can be found here

Year 2 maths activities

Shape

You could take your child on a 'shape walk' around the supermarket to see what shapes they can spot. The shapes they may recognise in Year 2 are:

2D: *rectangle, square, circle, triangle, pentagon (5 sides) hexagon (6 sides) octagon (8 sides)*

3D: *sphere, cube, cuboid, pyramid, cylinder, prism and cone*

Money

Children tend to love receiving and spending money. Use any shopping trips to encourage your child to be able to:

- *Recognise all the coins and notes*
- *Total and write amounts that are over £1*
- *Work out change that should be given.*

Measures - Time

Practise telling the time on an analogue clock (traditional one as opposed to a digital) for o' clock, quarter-past the hour, half-past the hour, quarter to the hour and for every five minutes. You could challenge your child to tell you when it is time for tea e.g. quarter past 5 or even their bedtime!

Other Measures

Any form of cooking is a great way for your child to practise weighing and measuring in grams and kilograms. Your child might even start to help make the tea for everyone.

Useful websites

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy

www.happychild.org.uk/wks/math/key1