

# Tips for Supporting your Child in English



## **Support Reading**

Encourage your child to read regularly.

Help your child to read a wide range of fiction including classic texts, media texts and poetry. See our book lists for some suggested titles or you could use [www.cool-reads.co.uk](http://www.cool-reads.co.uk), [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) or [www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com).

Read together and ask questions which require your child to infer meaning from what they have read. For example you could discuss and analyse a character's feelings or motivation, make a prediction about what might happen next or discuss why specific words have been used in description and the effect that they have.

Try some skimming and scanning together. Skimming is when you read through a piece of text quickly to find out what the main idea is; scanning is glancing through a piece of text to find a specific piece of information. You can do this with a newspaper – perhaps ask your child to find something out for you.

Help your child to work out what an unfamiliar word means by getting them to read the rest of the sentence and look for clues.



## **Use Websites**

Use interactive games which often reward children as they progress. See our recommended websites for some suggestions.



## Use Study Support Books

Use specific revision books for short bursts of targeted practice. For example:

Year 6 English SATs Targeted Practice Workbook: 2018 tests (Collins KS2 Revision and Practice) (also available for Year 5)

National Curriculum English Practice Book for Year 6 - 100 Practice Activities (Paperback) from Scholastic (also available for Year 5)

Oxford Better Spelling Age: 9-11 (Paperback)

Letts KS3 English Complete Coursebook

KS3 English All-in-One Revision and Practice - Collins KS3 Revision (Paperback)



## Support Writing

Help your child to plan a piece of writing in a format that works for them e.g. spider diagram, flow diagram.

Encourage and support the crafting and re-drafting of writing in all subjects. When editing, check the following:

Accurate use of punctuation.

The use of paragraphs and the transition/links between paragraphs'

Suitable and adventurous choice of vocabulary and correct spelling.

Use a purple pen to edit work.