

Suggested Activities for Year 2

Reading

Reading together at home

Reading together is a great way to share stories and experiences with your child. Reading with your child at home should be fun and easy. Here are some suggested ways to read with your child at home.

- Read and share stories together
- Read a variety of texts including: poems, fiction and non-fiction books, songs, plays and rhymes
- You can read books in your first language
- Make some puppets with old socks, cardboard boxes and sticks. Act out the stories using the puppets
- Dress up as the characters in the story and do some role playing

Talking about the books read and book features

Talking about the book before, during and after reading is a great way to help your child to develop deeper understanding about the texts read. Below are some suggested questions you may like to use as prompts when reading with your child.

- What is the title of the book?
- Look at the pictures, what do you think this book might be about?
- Is this a fiction or a non-fiction book?
- Can you point to a full stop on the page, what do you need to do when you come across a full stop in reading?
- Can you point to a capital letter for me?
- Can you point to a lower case letter for me?
- What do we call a person who writes the book?
- What do we call a person who draws the pictures?
- Can you tell me two main ideas about the book read?
- What was your favourite part about the book and why? (Parents please share your favourite part as well)
- Will you recommend this book to others to read? Why or why not and who would you recommend it to?

- Can you tell me what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story?

Reading and decoding unknown words

It is very common for children to come across words that they find difficult reading. Here are some suggested strategies which you can use to provide support to your child when reading with him/her.

- Encourage them to sound out unknown words by looking at the first letter of the word and then the rest of the word.
- Ask children to sound out the blend or diagraph at the beginning of the word if any. For example: sh, ch, th, wh, pl, st, br etc
- Use pictures in the book to decode the meaning of words they may find difficult
- Focus on punctuation when reading. Make sure you make a long stop when you come across a full stop, a short stop with a comma, read with expression with speech marks and read in a sparkly way with an exclamation mark.
- Slow down when reading and think about what has been read to develop a better understanding about the book.

There are resources online which children have access to for reading at home. Below are a list of links recommended by the Year 2 teachers.

Sunshine Classics:

Students can log in by entering their

Mathletics username and password.

Link - <https://www.sunshineclassics.co.nz/>

Sunshine Online:

Username: pointview

Password: apple

Link - <https://www.sunshineonline.co.nz/>

Poetry 4 Kids:

Link - <http://www.poetry4kids.com/poems/>

Epic Reading:

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Storyline Online

<https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>

Writing

We encourage children to write at home. Writing can also be a lot of fun. Below are some suggested activities and topics for children to do writing at home.

- Diary writing – write a short paragraph about their day every day. They may choose to write about the things that they have done and about their feelings
- Encourage them to write shopping lists, make birthday cards, emails/letters to friends or teachers
- Water and a paintbrush on a dry path, chalk and a stick on sand are fun ways to write letters and words
- Let your child see you writing – you can use your first language or let your child write in their first language
- Creative Writing – Children are great at creating their stories about the things they love (superheroes, princess, fairytale stories etc). Ask your child to create their story and write it down. Draw a picture after about their story
- Change the ending of books you read. Another fun way to do writing is you may like to change the ending to a story book you have read before. Write the new ending down and share it with your family.
- Encourage your child to write – on paper or on the computer. It is okay for you to help and share the writing - give lots of praise
- Procedural writing – Write down the steps and instructions needed for a particular task. For example: baking something, getting ready in the morning, brushing teeth etc

Story Starters is a great online resource which we recommend to use when your child is writing at home to make writing fun.

Link - <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

Mathematics

There are so many things and activities that are associated with mathematics in our everyday lives and these activities can make maths a lot of fun at home or when we are out and about. Below are some of the suggested maths activities which you may like to do with your child outside of school in relation to maths.

- Talk about measurement when baking and cooking together
- Read house numbers when out in the car or for a walk
- Play board games together which involves counting and money. E.g – Monopoly and Snakes and Ladders
- Read and write big numbers together up to 1000 using chalks, paints and felt pens
- Play with water using different shaped containers and measuring cups in the sink or bath
- Do jigsaw puzzles, play card and board games and build with blocks
- Use words in everyday play like "under", "over", "between", "around", "behind", "up", "down", "heavy", "light", "round", "circle", "yesterday", "tomorrow"
- Order objects from the smallest to the biggest and/or shortest to the longest (vice versa)
- Counting materials. E.g – How many apples and oranges did we buy today? How many colouring pencils have you got in your pencil case?

Other ways to support your child at home

- Practice skip counting forwards and backwards in 2's up to 100 (odds and even numbers)
- Practice skip counting forwards and backwards in 5's up to 100
- Practice skip counting forwards and backwards in 3's up to 100
- Practice skip counting forwards and backwards in 10's up to 100 starting from any number. E.g – 7.....17.....27.....37.....47..... etc
- Identify different shapes and learn the names of shapes
- Learn their doubles to 20 (E.g - two and two makes four, five and five makes ten, seven and seven makes fourteen etc)
- Practice reading and writing numbers in words up to 30 (E.g – 13 thirteen,
8 eight, 20 twenty)

Login to your **Mathletics** account to complete maths tasks assigned by your teacher. Mathletics login details is the same as their Sunshine Classics login username and password.

Link - <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Useful information and links for parents to support children's learning

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths/>

<https://nzmaths.co.nz/maths-our-house>

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Basic facts Maths practice

Link - <https://maths.prototec.co.nz/>

Just Dance Kids – Fitness at home

Link

- [https://www.google.co.nz/search?safe=strict&sxsr=AleKk02V6fsWgpFMWqQ9LNvr0zd2axo0ng%3A1589850560530&ei=wDHDXvP0H43Sz7sP2bC2KA&q=just+dance+kids&oq=just+dance+kids&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWlQARgAMgQIlxAnMgQIlxAnMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlADIECAAQQ1AAWABglWJoAHAAeACAAa8BiAGvAZIBAZAuMZgBAKoBB2d3cy13aXo&sclient=psy-ab](https://www.google.co.nz/search?safe=strict&sxsr=AleKk02V6fsWgpFMWqQ9LNvr0zd2axo0ng%3A1589850560530&ei=wDHDXvP0H43Sz7sP2bC2KA&q=just+dance+kids&oq=just+dance+kids&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWlQARgAMgQIlxAnMgQIlxAnMgQIlxAnMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlABBDMgQlADIECAAQQ1AAWABglWJoAHAAeACAAa8BiAGvAZIBAZAuMZgBAKoBB2d3cy13aXo&sclient=psy-ab)

GoNoodle – Fitness at home

Link - <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Typing skills

Link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>