



# SUGGESTED LEARNING TASKS FOR YEAR 1

## **READING**

### **Make reading fun**

Reading at home should be fun and easy for you and your child. It is a great time for laughter and talk and something you both look forward to.

- Take turns reading. Check in with your child and see if they want to read or be read to - share the reading.
- You can read to your child in your first language - this is a great opportunity for the children to practice their first language and English hand in hand.
- Children can read emails from family or whānau out loud with you
- Play card and board games together

**TOP TIP - talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together. Use the language that works best for you and your child**

### **Talk about reading**

- Look at the pictures and talk about what they can see
- Make up rhymes together - they can be silly and funny rhymes
- Sing songs and poems - read poems together
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what you are enjoying
- Point out words on signs, food labels and around the home
- Play word games like "I Spy" and "Simon Says..."

### **Make it a special time together**

Reading is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together. Make reading:

- Quiet and relaxing
- A time to sit with your child
- 10–15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV
- An enjoyable, interesting and special time
- A time to praise your child for making an effort - celebrate your child's successes

**TOP TIP - Reading can be online or a physical book**

### **Here are some tips -**

- ❖ If your child is stuck on a word
- ❖ Wait a few seconds
- ❖ Give them a chance to think.
- ❖ If they are still stuck, help them to try to work the word out by saying "look at the first letter-sound"
- ❖ Look at the pictures for clues - say "read the sentence again and think does it make sense?"





- ❖ If they still can't work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts.

**TOP TIP - Remember, reading should be fun**

Help your child to link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story.

**Links:**

- <https://www.sunshineonline.com.au> - if unsure please contact your teacher for the level your child is reading  
**Username:** pointview  
**Password:** apple
- Jolly Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qpn2839Kro>

**Some apps for you to try**



**WRITING**

**Make writing fun**

- Help your child write an alphabet letter or blend - go letter hunting in your house or in a book to find the letters
- Let your child see you writing – you can use your first language
- Encourage them to write shopping lists, make birthday cards, emails/letters to friends or teachers and a diary entry
- Water and a paintbrush on a dry path, chalk and a stick on sand are fun ways to write letters and words

**TOP TIP - The important thing is that they have fun writing at home and are making an effort**

**Give them reasons to write**

- Write to each other. Write notes to your child and leave them in interesting places around the house. Ask them to write a reply
- Help them email, text or write to family, whānau or friends
- Work with them to put labels on special things – like the door to their room or their toy box.
- You can do this in more than one language





**TOP TIP - display their work. Put it on the fridge, in their rooms or a special place in house. Be proud of it. Take a photo of it and share it with others**

### Talk about their writing

- Talk about the letters in your child's name and in words
- Work together to create a scrapbook with pictures. Encourage them to write stories under the pictures and talk to you about them.
- Ask them to write about pictures they draw - on paper or on the computer.
- Get them to tell you the story and you write it under the picture.
- Write from using their imagination

### Links:

- **Daily Writing:** <https://www.dailywritingtips.com/list-50-word-games/>

### Some apps for you to try

 Bobble Write	 Trace Letters & Sight Words	 Rocket Speller	 Sentence Builder	 Write About NZ
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## **MATHEMATICS**

Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns

**TOP TIP - Be positive about mathematics - this will encourage your child's success and motivation for learning**

### Help your child to:

- Find numbers around your home – clocks, shoes size, clothing size, food packages, barcodes, calendars
- Count forwards and backwards (clocks, fingers and toes, stairs in your home, action rhymes, counting with the microwave)
- Make patterns when counting "clap 1, stamp 2, clap 3, stamp 4, clap 5..."
- Do sums using objects such as stones or marbles e.g. 2 and 3 more is..., 4 and 1 is how many, 5 and 4 more is..."
- Make up number stories – "you have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. There are 4 of them"
- Recall numbers before and after a given number e.g. "the number before 5"
- Skip counting in 2s, 5s, 10s (first to 20, then 50. Extension: to 100) - use shoes, feet, hands, fingers

**TOP TIP - Use easy, everyday activities. There are lots of ways you can make it fun for your child**





### Involve your child in:

- Preparing and sharing out food – "two for me and two for you". Ask, "How many altogether?"
- Talking about time – "lunchtime", "story time", "bedtime"
- Using words in everyday play like "under", "over", "between", "around", "behind", "up", "down", "heavy", "light", "round", "circle", "yesterday", "tomorrow".
- Asking questions like "How many apples do we need for lunch? What do you think the weather is going to be like today/tomorrow? What are we going to do next?"

**TOP TIP - use lots of maths related words as your child is playing. Use the language that works best for you and your child**

### Vocabulary:

- *over/under*
- *first, second, third*
- *round/flat*
- *through*
- *before/after*
- *near/far*
- *more/less than*
- *bigger/smaller*
- *long/short*
- *full/empty*
- *heavy/light*

### Links:

- [PVS Maths Hub](#)
- <https://www.sunshineonline.com.au>

### Some apps for you to try

				
Motion Maths	Jelly Bean Count	Teaching Number Lines	Maths Bingo	Robo Maths

### MUSIC



