Spellings

It is important to focus on spellings set for your child’s Year group and ability. This may be curriculum spelling lists or common exception words set by your teacher.

Here are some ideas to help you support your child’s spellings:

- Remind your child to break down words using their phonics knowledge
- Look, cover, Write and Check
- Spelling pyramids - Write your words letter by letter in a pyramid shape
- Fancy letters - Write your spellings in fancy lettering
- Air writing - Write your words in the air
- Letter magnets - making words of your fridge (if you have access to letters)
- Lots of word games such as crosswords and word searches - you can find these online
- Read Write Inc have fantastic videos online at https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/ This site will offer lots of tips and hints to support you and your children at home.
- Other ideas for spelling activities are on the St Francis Website in the Learning at Home section.

Reading

Your child should be reading every day. This could be a page, this could be a chapter or a whole short story. They may read a poem, a play script or a piece of non-fiction writing.

How can you help?

Listen to your child read out loud - address any misconceptions of words.

Help your child develop their vocabulary by introducing them to more complex words and explaining meaning of words they may not have come across. Online dictionaries are great for this.

Children could learn a new word a day using vocabulary ninja. (KS1 and KS2 links below)

https://vocabularyninja.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/ks2-word-of-the-day-free.pdf
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Rapid

Your child has had a full library of books allocated to them on Rapid Readers.

Read as much and as often as you can!

Ask questions as they read - a list of KS1 or KS2 questions are on the website in the Learning at Home section.

Key skills

Handwriting

Your child has been completing daily handwriting lessons in school and it would be brilliant if this could continue.

How can you help?

Log on to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use a tablet or smart phone to practice letter and word formations. You have been sent the log in details for this.

Write letters using a highlighter and ask your child to trace the letters.

Complete daily writing activities. Remind your child to join up their letters and use the tripod grip.

Use terms such as; remember to join, remember your lead ins and remember to return to the line.

Children will have learnt this at school.

If you have a garden, go outside and practice letters in the air, practice in the flower beds, practice in sandpits.

Or, if you need to be indoors, use a tray of flour, salt or shaving foam to practice letters.