

Helping at Home

Counting & Number Sense

- Practise counting forwards and backwards (start 0-10, then 0-20, then higher when ready).
- Count everyday objects: steps, apples, toys, cars, etc.
- Ask questions like "What comes after/before...?" or "How many more until we reach 10?"

Writing

- Correct letter formation.
- Use RWI sound mats to help hear and choose sounds.
- Start with CVC (sat, mat, cat) words and move on as new sounds are learnt.
- Write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Addition & Subtraction

- Begin with numbers within 10 (e.g., $4 + 3$, $9 - 6$).
- Use real objects: pasta pieces, pencils, coins.
- Once confident, move to numbers within 20, then 2-digit numbers (e.g., $23 + 12$ using tens and ones).

Reading

- We follow Read Write Inc. (RWI).
- Start with Set 1 sounds then moving on to Set 2 and Set 3 sounds.
- **You can help by:**
 - Saying the pure sounds (no "uh" at the end).
 - Spotting sounds in books, signs and packages.
 - Listen to your child read regularly—little and often is best.
- Read to them every day if possible; hearing stories builds vocabulary and imagination.

Times Tables

- Start in this order: 10 times table, 5 times table, 2 times table
- Once these are secure, move on to: 3 times table & 4 times table
- Practise saying them aloud, spotting patterns, or using songs/rhymes.
- Quick recall helps with future maths.

General Tips

- Keep sessions short and positive, 5-10 minutes is enough.
- Celebrate small successes.
- Make learning practical and fun (games, real-life activities etc).