

Supporting at Home

Reading

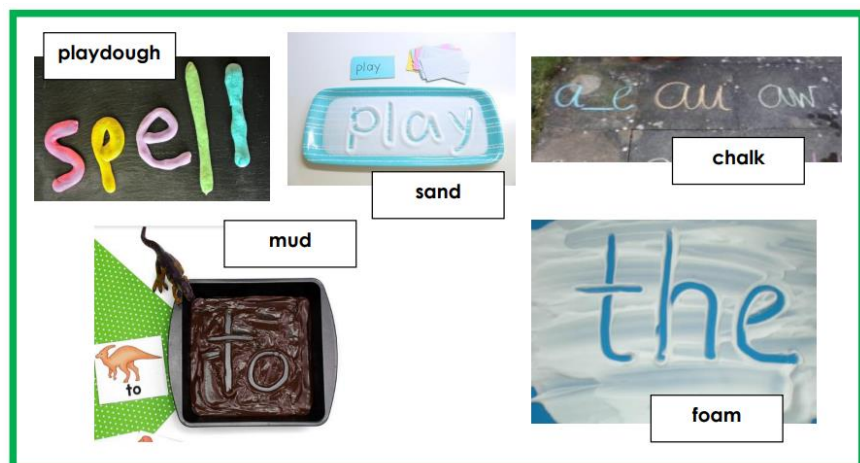
Reading at home with your child is so important. It helps them to develop their learning in lots of areas. It is important that children read to an adult as much as possible so they can practise using their phonics to decode. Phonics are taught throughout the week in school so that children build up a secure understanding of phonemes (sounds) and alternative spellings for sounds. This enables children to decode new words and become more confident, fluent readers. You may not always have time to read the whole book (we understand home life is busy) but just a few pages a day can increase their confidence and get them into the routine of practising and applying their phonic knowledge. Please see our 'Read Write Inc Book Bag Information' file for further information. **In addition to reading their take home reading book**, your child may wish to read a book from home. As long as they are reading, that's fantastic. Most children this age really love to read new and familiar stories.

How can I help my child enjoy reading?

Listening to your child read, asking them questions about what they are reading, and reading to them will all support your child to become more confident readers which will help them develop a joy for reading. It is important that children are exposed to a range of reading materials. This can include audio books, and books beyond their current reading level which are read to them to help develop their vocabulary. A trip to the library is a great place to start, where your child might select a book to read themselves and one to be read to them as a bedtime story. Reading is a lifelong skill so any way that they can be encouraged to read for pleasure will always help.

Spelling

In school, letter and sounds are taught through Read Write Inc sessions each week and these are communicated to you via Seesaw, for the children to then practise at home. We use multi-sensory ways to practise. Here are some ideas you can use:

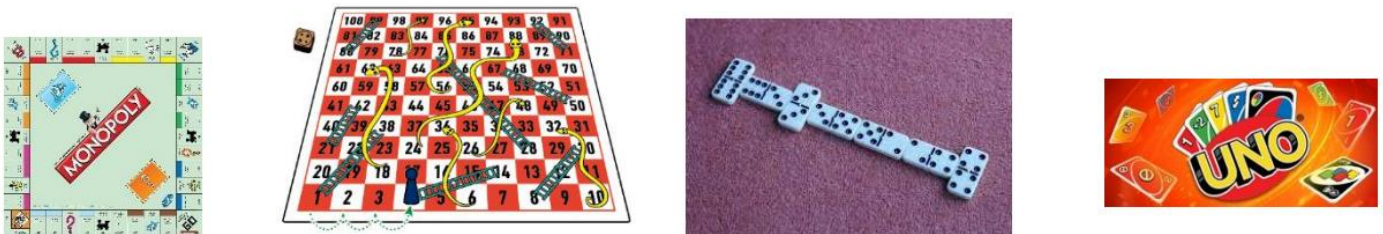


How can I support my child with Maths?

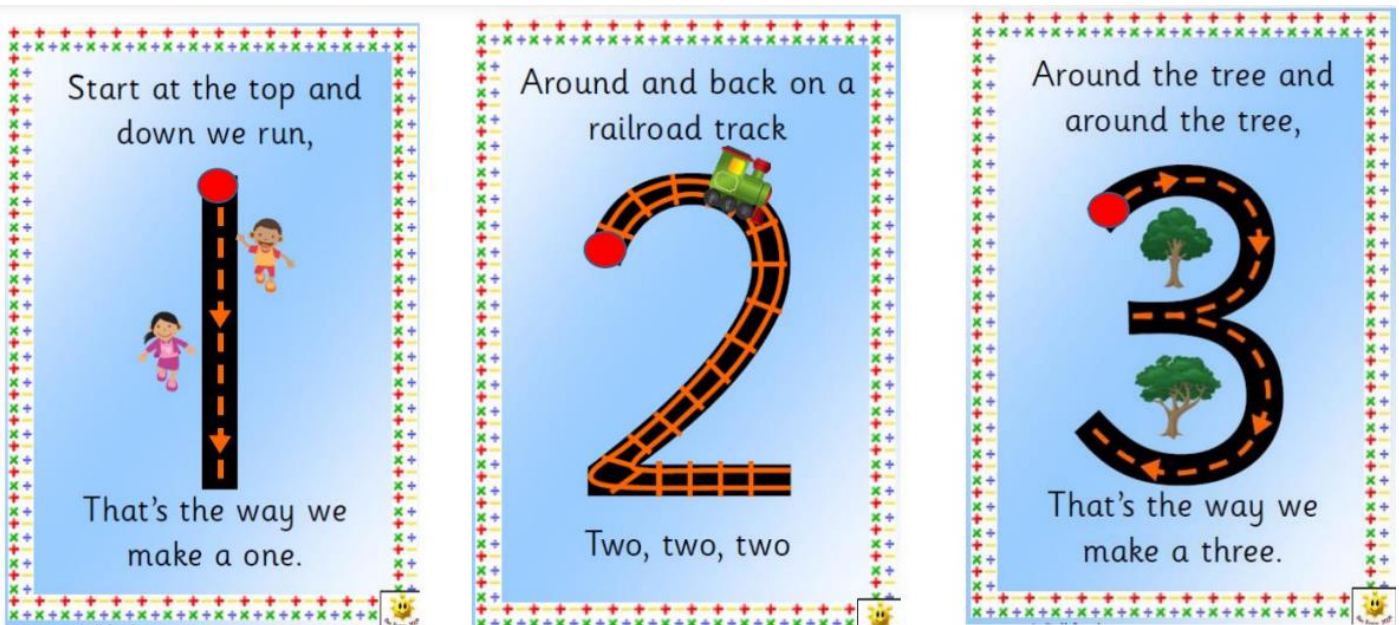
Your child will also be set mathematical tasks over the term and your support with these activities, which are often practical, is greatly appreciated.

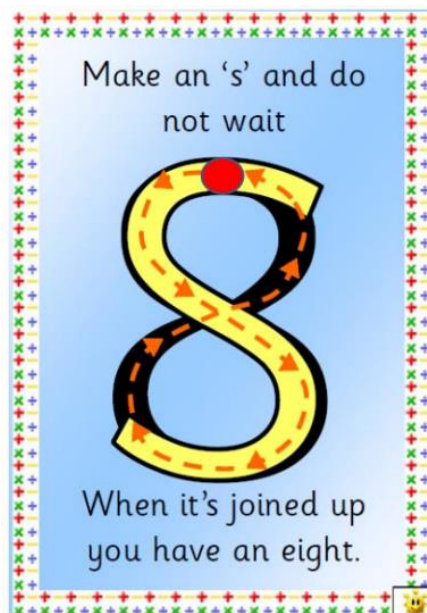
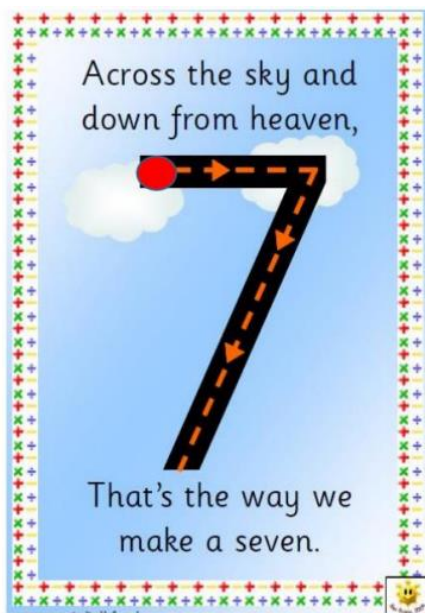
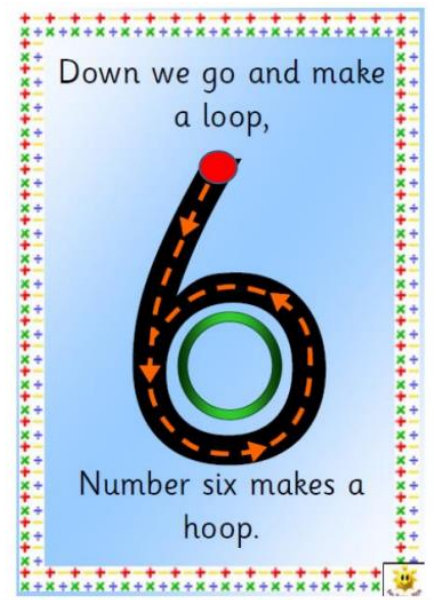
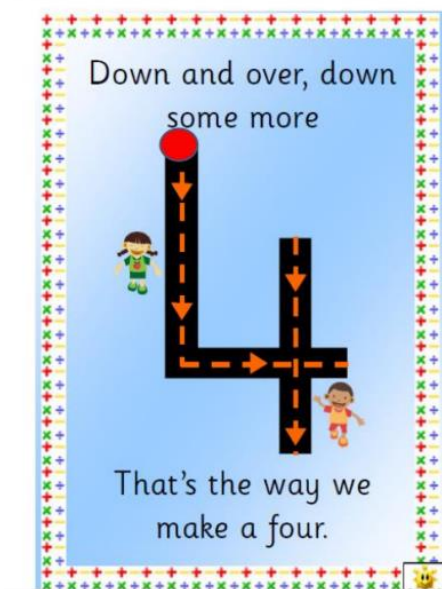
In Year 1 children use Numbots. The aim of Numbots is to ensure children develop a core understanding of Maths from an early age, establishing a strong mathematical foundation which they can build upon as they progress through their education. Games are a brilliant way to encourage children to practise their number fluency. Board games are a great way for children to practise key skills. The BBC Bitesize website is also a good starting point for age appropriate online games:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkphb>



In addition to online games and board games, number formation is something you can help your child to practise so that they improve their accuracy. This can be done in a multisensory way (for example in sand, mud or foam) or simply using colouring pencils or pens. Please refer to the number formation rhymes below:





School can be exhausting for your child. They are learning so many new things at school, and may well also be starting to join activities after school as well, such as swimming or gym. If you do want to do a little more, ask your child to write an email to their auntie, count out the cutlery for dinner or help you measure up for a new blind. Disguise the learning! They won't want to sit at a table and focus quietly after such a busy day. Remember, your child is only 5 or 6 and still so young.