

How can I support my child at home?

At CJS, we believe that it is very important to help all children gain confidence in the basic skills of Reading, Writing and Maths. The majority of end of year reports for children include comments regarding regular reading at home, learning spellings and rapid recall of multiplication facts. The role of parents in supporting this is vital. The advice to parents would be to do “little and often”, and help children in a positive way, aiming to make it an enjoyable process for all concerned. Parents are asked to help in the following ways:

Reading

Please read with your child several times each week. During the Summer Holidays, why not encourage your child to have a go at this:

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Summer Reading Challenge

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What is the Summer Reading Challenge? The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read ...

Writing

Writing in clear sentences with capital letters and full stops is very important. We suggest doing a holiday diary for a week or two, perhaps writing two clear sentences each day. Quality is better than quantity. It is better to focus on a small amount of writing done well, rather than a long piece of writing without clear sentences.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/launching-young-writers>

Spelling

The word lists for Y3/4 and Y5/6 are on the school website. Why not take 3-5 words at a time and practise them? We do appreciate that these words are tricky for many children, but these are the spellings relating to the new curriculum, so it is a good place to start.

Multiplication Facts

Learning “times tables” is so important for progress in all areas of Maths. The following resources could help your child achieve a more rapid recall of multiplication facts:

<http://www.mental-arithmetic.co.uk/>

EducationCity (see school website)

www.funeducationalapps.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

www.topmarks.co.uk

Tips:

- Little and often is best
- Keep it positive and boost your child’s self-esteem
- Avoid putting too much pressure on your child
- Try to make it enjoyable!