

## Help your child at home!

### Tips for parents / carers

- Give plenty of praise and encouragement - help boost self-confidence and self-esteem
- Work with your child on the [www.stocksbridgehighmaths.co.uk](http://www.stocksbridgehighmaths.co.uk) website.
- You can also pick up lots of useful information about subjects taught in school on the school web-site [www.stocksbridgehigh.co.uk](http://www.stocksbridgehigh.co.uk)
- Use [www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools) website to work through topics, revision and helpful games. [www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise) is also an excellent web-site for literacy and numeracy skills for older students and adults.
- Encourage your child to make good use of SAM learning and spend some time working alongside her/him.
- Read together regularly - check understanding by asking questions like 'What does that mean?', or 'How do we know that?' or 'What do you think will happen next?'
- Any reading is good reading! It doesn't have to be a book - try TV guides, recipes, shopping lists, comics and magazines, manuals and instructions, food packets and so on. Try to ensure it is more or less the correct level without being too young in content. Do ask us for advice on this. We also have a range of 'easy readers' in school for students to borrow.
- Try highlighting or underlining relevant parts of the text they are reading.
- Check through your child's planner each day. Look out for homework and deadlines, as well as any other comments and targets which may be there.
- Set a time aside to assist your child with homework. Agree a time when you both are happy to do it.
- Let us know if your child has difficulties with their homework or cannot understand it. Try to rephrase questions for them if it helps and explain in simple terms what is expected.
- Encourage your child to make use of homework club.
- Make spelling fun and give plenty of rewards for even small successes.

- Try to notice spelling patterns in words, and focus on sounds in words too. We keep lists in school of the most common words for reading and spelling which we can provide. (or [CLICK HERE?](#))
- See if writing on a different coloured paper is helpful to your child.
- Number lines are always a useful visual aid for additions and subtractions
- Eg.:



- Learn with your kids! There are adult courses available at school and at STEP which will help you and your ability to help your child.
- Some other useful web-sites are:

[www.englishbanana.com](http://www.englishbanana.com)

[www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com)

[www.atozphonics.com](http://www.atozphonics.com)

[www.beingdyslexic.co.uk](http://www.beingdyslexic.co.uk)