

Writing

In school, children will explore and create a range of text types in a variety of different genres both fiction and non-fiction. At The Grove, we provide a rich environment for writing. This includes regular opportunities for drama, talk, looking at quality texts and real life contexts for their writing.

How can you help at home?

Encourage any child initiated writing for enjoyment. This may include:

Keeping a diary

Writing thank you letters

Party invitations

Shopping lists

Menus

Recipes

Spelling

Children will bring home seven spellings per week on a Monday to learn for testing on Friday. These will be linked to a spelling pattern or rule that the children will have learnt that week in the classroom.

How can you help at home?

Please make the learning of spelling words as much fun as possible!

Look at the word, cover the word, write from memory and then check the spelling

Include the word in sentences or short dictations

Find the word in a dictionary and understand its meaning.

Find words with similar pattern or rule

Make up crosswords and word searches

Board games such as Scrabble and Boggle which will help

children to generate, spell and find the meaning of a range of words

Make up a game to learn the words

If you are unsure how to help your child please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher for ideas or help.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help their spelling.

Grammar

Children will be learning all aspects of grammar and will be tested at the end of each year and at end of key stage SATs exams.

How can you help at home?

Please look at the English subject area on our school website to download the glossary of grammatical terminology. This contains all the techniques that the children will be using and be expected to know during KS2.

Handwriting

Pen licences are awarded in Year 3. To be able to write in pen, children must use a legible, joined consistent script. In Years 3 & 4 children will practise handwriting on a regular basis.

How can you help at home?

Encourage children to write neatly and legibly all the time. Ensure children use an appropriate pen/pencil for writing (not felt tips or crayons).

Make sure your child sees you writing for a variety of purposes. This is an excellent way of modelling and you can encourage your child to write alongside you.



Parent Information

English

The Grove Junior School



Reading and Comprehension

Children have a focused daily guided reading session and will complete a range of follow-up activities linked to the book/text. For those children who need extra support with their reading we have allocated teaching assistant support and use the valuable input of parent readers too.

We have a range of books to support your child's reading within the school, and we hope this will enable your child to experience different authors and styles of books. We want children to develop a love of reading.

School policy is for children to read for enjoyment at home and to record their reading in the yellow reading records books. Children can choose from a school library book, a book from home or elsewhere. All reading is good.

How can you help at home?

Listen to your child read often; reading aloud is a different skill to reading silently

Read to your own children to model good reading, fluency, expression and dramatic effect

Discuss what children are reading, question and encourage children to explain the plot, characters and make predictions

Join the local library and take part in the summer reading challenges.

Speaking & Listening

Children will be assessed on their ability to listen and speak well. Encourage correct use of language and praise children's attempts at using ambitious vocabulary.