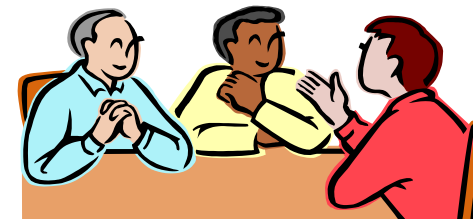


Seven simple strategies to help your child with literacy.



1) Tie Ins

Try getting books that tie in with films, hobbies and interests and set a regular time for reading. It is enjoyable to have a story read to you what ever age you are and taking a book to bed is a nice way to end the day and can also lead to interesting dreams.

2) Book Buddies

Encourage older children to read to younger children. This type of reading is fun for the younger child and increases the confidence of the older one.

3) “I’ve got a talk to do tomorrow !”

Ask them to practise it in front of you. All talks are assessed on four main areas:

- Clarity and loudness
- Good content
- Good use of visuals
- Appropriate eye contact and body language

4) Cool Words

Put up commonly misspelled words on the fridge door using magnetic fridge letters. A variation on this is to deliberately put up words that are incorrect and to ask them to spot the mistakes.

5) Where’s the punctuation?

- Get your child to read out their completed work and they should hopefully hear where the punctuation should go.
- If not, try reading it to them with the correct pauses for punctuation (rather than simply telling them where the punctuation goes).
- Another variation might be to tell them how many full stops and commas there should be and to then ask them to read the passage again putting them in.



6) “Are we there yet?”

Almost every book is now available in an audio format and can be useful on long journeys. This doesn’t just keep them entertained, but develops important listening skills and an understanding of the rhythm of our language; vital skills when it comes to applying punctuation.

7) Is your child having problems with revision?

There is only one tiny book, and we do mean tiny, which can hopefully offer some helpful strategies and solutions at this often stressful family time. “The Little Book of Exam Skills” by Kate Brooks. ISBN 0-340-805277. Published by Hodder.

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What is literacy?

Literacy means being competent in the following areas of:



Why is literacy important?

“Literacy is the set of skills which allows an individual to engage fully in society and in learning, through the different forms of language which society values and finds useful.”

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Why is literacy now the responsibility of every teacher ?

By being literate, a student can think critically and get the best out of learning opportunities in all their subjects. He or she can begin to make connections across the curriculum. They can analyse information, start problem solving and even begin to enjoy learning.

“ Children need love, language, discipline, play and Literacy to truly flourish”

Sue Palmer, parent and author of “21st century Boys”

How are we helping to develop literacy?

- Having a whole school editing code
- Using literacy strategies in all subjects
- Supporting selected students with their punctuation skills through podcasting
- Departments working together on whole school and linked projects such as the John Muir Award and the Writing Link Unit
- Building on prior knowledge such as skills gained in the SI Talk and Investigation Skills

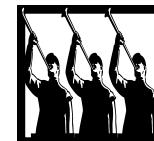
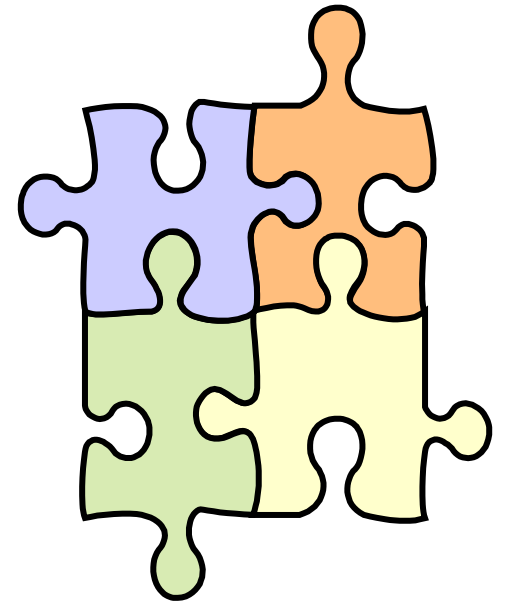


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Literacy across
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