



Mrs Atkins' Groups

Literacy

Poetry

- Developing a voice – using poetry to share opinions on climate change and the environment

Fiction

- Reading and writing stories
- Play scripts

Non-Fiction

- Biography and autobiography – linked to Ancient Egypt
- Journalistic writing

Spelling

- Spelling rules eg- i before e rule, plurals, suffix endings such as –ful and -ment

Ways you can help your child:

Please continue to hear your child read and discuss what they are reading with them. They are never too old to listen to stories – story CDs and radio stations such as CBBC are great for encouraging children to listen to stories on their own.

If you find it hard to keep up with the amount of children's authors publishing today, a great website is www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk. This has extracts of numerous books that children can download to see if they want to read the whole book. Books can always be ordered by Langport Library. Saves buying books that just sit on shelves gathering dust!

There are many good websites that children can browse through to find poems that they like. Some even feature the poets reading their own poems.

www.poetry4kids.com,

www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive

The BBC websites are excellent to help your child develop a wide range of reading and writing skills. They include many fun quizzes and games to help them learn without really realising it. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/>

Numeracy

- Multiplication – continued times tables focus
- Properties of 3D shapes
- 'Long' multiplication and division
- Decimal fractions – rounding decimal fractions
- equivalent fractions
- percentages
- Properties of number (factors, multiples, prime numbers, square numbers)
- Area and perimeter
- Data handling – finding different sorts of averages
- Calculator work

Please continue to help your child learn their times tables and number bonds – these need to be known as 'instant' facts as they are so crucial to all that we do. These can be done as quick fire questions during the walk to school, car journeys etc. Again, the faster and more accurate your child's recall of these facts, the easier they will find maths.

Playing games such as Monopoly can be a great help in improving mental maths skills if you insist that the children do all the working out of the money! Adding up scores when playing cards is another way to help improve mental maths.

Again, there are also many useful websites that provide games for your children to use to improve their skills: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/maths/>

<http://tutpup.com/>

<http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/games.html>

Homework for Mrs Atkins' groups is always given out on a Wednesday and is expected to be back in on a Monday. Thank you for your continued support with this.