



# How to help your child KS2 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



In Key Stage 2, your child is building on the foundations from EYFS and KS1, developing more complex skills and improving their knowledge in the core and foundation subjects within the National Curriculum. Our Dimensions 'Learning Means The World Curriculum' is full of exciting new knowledge that will prepare children for KS3 and beyond.

Supporting your child at this stage is essential for their academic and personal growth and will prepare them for their future years.



## Support with Reading

### *Encourage daily reading*

- Continue promoting a regular reading habit. As texts become more challenging, this practice will improve comprehension and vocabulary.

### *Discuss what they read*

- Talk about the themes, characters, and plots of the books they read. This helps them develop critical thinking and analytical skills.

### *Variety of genres*

- Encourage your child to explore different genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, as well as newspapers or magazines.

## Improve Writing Skills

### *Encourage creative writing*

- Let your child write short stories, poems, or even a daily journal. This will help them practice spelling, grammar, and structure. Encourage a love of writing by setting challenges or taking part in writing competitions and challenges.

### *Use Spelling Shed for word practice*

- Spelling Shed makes learning new and challenging words engaging through games. Encourage your child to use it to support their spelling development.



## Strengthen Maths Skills

### *Practice with Maths Shed*

- Maths Shed offers engaging games that focus on key maths areas such as number bonds, mental arithmetic, and problem-solving. Encourage regular practice to keep their skills sharp.

### *Real-life maths*

- Use everyday situations to practice maths—cooking, shopping, and time-keeping are all great ways to bring maths to life. Look at bus timetables in readiness for moving to secondary school and becoming more independent. Talk with your child about basic budgeting, helping them to better understand the value of money.

### *Times Tables Rockstars*

- Ensure your child is using Times Tables Rockstars to master their times tables. A solid understanding of multiplication is crucial for success in more advanced areas of maths, and this fun, competitive game can help with speed and accuracy.

### *Maths is Fun*

- Another fantastic online learning resource to help your child to learn their multiplication and division facts.

## Encourage Independence in Learning

### *Create a study routine*

- As your child progresses through KS2, it's important they develop independent learning habits. Encourage them to take responsibility for completing any home or independent learning, this will prepare them well for their future years.

### *Time management*

- Help your child learn to manage their time by breaking down tasks and using a schedule or to-do list.

## Support Social and Emotional Development

### *Encourage teamwork*

- Promote activities where they can work collaboratively, such as group sports or project-based learning. This helps with problem-solving and leadership skills.

### *Build resilience*

- Support your child in dealing with challenges and setbacks. Encourage them to keep trying even when tasks seem difficult.



## Celebrate Progress and Achievements

*Recognise effort, not just results*

- Praise your child for their hard work and perseverance. This will motivate them to continue improving, even when they find things difficult.

*Set achievable goals*

- Help them set small, manageable goals, like improving their times tables score or learning a new set of spellings. Celebrate when they reach these milestones.

*Keep us in the loop*

- Ensure your child shares their out of school achievements with their class teacher, we love to celebrate their extra-curricular successes.

