

# Mathematics at home

## How can you help?

- Practise number recognition – particularly 11-20.
- Count regularly – initially in 1s and then later in the year in 2s 5s and 10s.
- Practise writing the numbers 0-9.
- Play games – snakes and ladders, dominoes, dice games etc.
- Encourage your child to say the number that is one more and one less e.g. *what is one less than 7?*
- Encourage children to show numbers on their fingers e.g. *show me 7*
- Spot 2d and 3d shapes in the environment.
- Name shapes and talk about their properties e.g. *this square has 4 corners.*
- Show different o'clock times.
- Use mathematical language e.g. put your socks **in** the drawer.

# Literacy at home

## How can you help?

During the Reception Year there will be a big emphasis on the development of early reading and writing.

Here are some things that you can be doing at home to help with your child's development in these two vital areas:

- Discuss environmental print. Are there signs that you see on a regular basis that your child recognises? E.g. Tesco, McDonalds, Stop...
- Talk about the initial sounds of words. Mia begins with the m sound and so does milk, mop and Monday.
- Encourage your child to read his/her school reading book at regularly as possible (every night if possible). Please make sure you sign and date your child's reading log every time you read with your child as failure to do so will result in a **school reading alert**. (There must be a **minimum of 4 entries** in your child's reading log per week).
- Practise reading decodable and tricky words at least twice a week (see reading log).
- Read a story at bedtime to your child. Discuss the plot, characters and encourage your child to predict what might happen next.
- Encourage your child to write their own name and other decodable words such as 'mum' and 'dad'.
- Later in the year encourage your child to write some of the tricky words that you have been practising reading.
- Talk to your child about reading and writing at home e.g. when writing a shopping list or reading the newspaper.

### **IMPORTANT**

Your child will receive a new reading book every week. You need to ensure that this book comes to school every day so that Mrs Rawson, Miss Smith or myself can listen to your child read.

Reading books will be changed weekly. Book change day **Thursday**.

# Websites

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

Literacy, Letters and Sounds and Mathematics

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

Letters and Sounds activities

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

Press Early Years

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

Literacy and Mathematics

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

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

Login details to be provided ASAP

## **Recommended App**

Jolly Phonics – available at the app store and google play.

If you require an activity to focus on a particular aspect of the curriculum please come into class to speak to me and I will recommend an activity for you.

## **E-Safety**

We are teaching all children at Sacred Heart to stay safe online. In Reception we will be following the following rules when using the internet:

- Always ask an adult before using the internet.
- Stick to websites that are just right for me.
- Only speak to people that you know when using the internet.

It would be great if you could encourage your child to follow these rules at home too! Thank you