

A strong, positive home and school partnership is a vital ingredient of any child's education. It is imperative that there is a joint vision; that the learning goals for your child are shared and supported. Constructive relationships between teachers, children and parents assist in fostering an enthusiasm for learning. Authentic experiences, such as those suggested in this brochure, help to reinforce skills and strategies. You, as parents, have the role as co-educators in a partnership where "Learning for Life" is continuous process.

Sunnyhills' learners will be independent, articulate thinkers, able to take risks and solve problems. They will be highly literate and numerate and be connected through effective use of ICT in a changing, global society.

SUNNYHILLS SCHOOL

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME



Year 6

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHEMATICS AT HOME – YEAR 6

Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns

Help your child:

- Count forwards and backwards (starting with numbers like these fractions: $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$ then back again
- Talk about large numbers in your environment
- Talk about graphs and tables that are in your local newspapers
- Being positive about maths is really important for your child's learning – even if you didn't enjoy it or do well at it yourself at school

Use easy, everyday activities

Involve your child in:

- Making dinner at home – look at how many and how much is needed
- Helping at the supermarket
- Looking at the ingredients – fat, sugar, additives – and deciding on the healthiest choice
- Practising times tables
- Talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together

For wet afternoons/school holidays/weekends

Get together with your child and:

- Play card and board games using guessing and checking
- Cook
- Mix a drink for the family
- Make kites using a variety of shapes and materials
- Plan out the holidays. Look at each day's fun time
- Do complicated jigsaw puzzles
- Go on scavenger hunts – make a map with clues
- Mathematics is an important part of everyday life and there are lots of ways you can make it fun for your child
- The way your child is learning to solve mathematic problems may be different to when you were at school. Get them to show you how they do it and support them in their learning

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING AT HOME – YEAR 6

Make writing fun

- Encourage your child to write about their sports, events, hobbies and interests to help keep them interested
- Play word games and do puzzles together
- Start a blog about a family interest
- Be a role model. Show your child that you write for all sorts of reasons

Write for a reason

- Encourage your child to write
- Suggest your child is responsible for the weekly shopping list, equipment list for weekends away and holidays, task lists for the week
- Ask your child who they would like to write to or for
- Short stories or a journal – on paper or on a computer – can help them to write about their experiences and their own feelings about things
- Report on a new baby or pet addition to the family
- Make an argument in writing for a special request – trip, event, present etc.
- Draw up written contracts for agreed jobs

Talk about your child's writing

- Talk about ideas, experiences and information they are going to write about
- Share enjoyment of their writing. Read and talk about the writing that your child does
- Play with words. Thinking of interesting words and discussing new ones can help increase the words your child uses when they write
- Share your own writing with your child – lists, planning for family events, letters and emails
- Talk about what your child writes. Be interested. Use it as a way of starting conversations. Listen to their opinion, even if you don't agree with it

Please also refer to Ministry website:

www.minedu.govt.nz/parentssupportingyourchild

Please note the link at the bottom of each year level page for extra support

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME – YEAR 6

Make reading fun

- Have discussions together about books
- Encourage internet research about topics of interest
- Make your home a reader-friendly home with plenty of books, magazines, newspapers that everyone can read
- Share what you think and how you feel about the characters, the story or the opinions in magazines and newspapers you are reading
- Encourage your child to read every day. Make reading fun and praise your child's efforts, all the time

Read together

- When you are reading to your child, you can talk about words or ideas in the text that your child might not have come across before
- Children are often interested in new words and what they mean – encourage them to look them up in a dictionary
- Keep the magic of listening to a good story alive by reading either made up, retold or read-aloud stories to your child – with lots of excitement through the use of your voice!

Keep them interested

- Help your child identify an author, character or series of books they particularly like and find more in the series or by the author
- Think about subscribing to a magazine on your child's special interest
- Go to your local library to choose books together
- Play card and board games together – the more challenging the better
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading