

Year Five



Parent Event Handout

Main Topics

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Science	Forces	Earth and Space	Living Things and Habitats
Humanities	Vikings and Saxons	Early Islamic Culture	Victorian and Tudor Times

The most helpful things that you can do to help your child with their learning at home are:

* **Times table practise** (apps, online games, you tube times tables videos).

- Y5 children **MUST** know all of their times tables fluently (quickly and without using their fingers).

- The only way to get to this stage is to recite, write, chant and be tested on these daily.

– We recommend at least 10 minutes a day.

- A good app to use at home is **times tables rockstars**

* **Spellings** (Year 5-6 spelling list attached). All children are expected to know these (and also other words that follow similar spelling patterns). Testing, covering, writing, checking spellings will all help, as will 'breaking down' the word into manageable chunks to learn. Lots of apps and online games are available too (just make sure that you are playing 'UK spelling' games and not 'USA spelling' games.) A good app is called **The Spelling Shed**

* **Guided Reading Questions.** All children practise 'comprehension' once a week when they are tested in their understanding of books and texts. Try asking some "guided reading questions" (use those attached to see the types of questions we use in school) every time you read with your child.

* It is a proven, researched fact that children with **strong reading skills** go on to achieve better in ALL subjects (even maths, science etc.) and are more likely to get a good job when they are older. We would like all of our children to read at home every day with an adult and for the adult to ask them questions as they read.

* There are many tablet apps and online games that can help the children with many skills we use in school. As always, we recommend that you look at the content of any app and that you are always in the same room as your child when they are accessing the internet

* There are lots of books that you can buy from WH Smith / Waterstones / Amazon to help your child's learning and progress at home (e.g. Year 5 comprehension / Year 5 grammar / Year 5 maths)