



Reading regularly is not just important for your child to do well in English, but vital for them to succeed throughout their schooling and is a key life skill.

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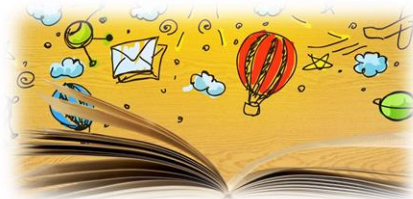
7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

While you are reading with your child, if they encounter an unfamiliar word, encourage them to try a range of strategies when reading unfamiliar words. For example:

- Sound out words;
- Use the rest of the sentence to help with a difficult word;
- Use other clues on the page to help read accurately;
- Re-read the preceding words when stuck;
- Break down longer words to read them.



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In each newsletter we will either bring you an example of a Numeracy equation which your child may be asked to solve in class and explain how to arrive at the correct answer OR we will introduce a Mathematical idea to you.

This week we would like to introduce you to a Weighty Problem:

Did you know?

Many of the writers of *The Simpsons* had an interest in Mathematics. In fact, many of the writers did Maths or Maths related degrees at University.

Although they all turned to comedy writing, they didn't lose their love of Mathematics and there are many references to the subject within many Simpsons episodes.

Some of the writers were started their love of Maths through puzzles. So, we have decided to show you some of these puzzles too. Have a go at home. Answers will be posted in the next newsletter.

If you cannot wait until then. You can contact Mr Wilson via daniel.wilson@ashingtonacademy.co.uk

Weighty Problem

If a basketball weighs $10\frac{1}{2}$ ounces plus half its own weight, how much does it weigh?

