

# Supporting your child - Top Tips Y4



## Useful websites

Some websites are free, and some require a paid subscription.

### Reading:

Recommended reading list for Year 4

[Books for Year 4 children aged 8-9 | School Reading List](#)

(There are some real epic stories amongst this list!)



[Storynory - Audio Stories for Kids](#)

This website includes audio books alongside words so you can read along.



[Reading - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

This website has a vast range of resources and has a specific section for reading at home too!



### English:

[Spelling and Grammar, English Games for 7-11 Years - Topmarks](#)

Topmarks offer lots of engaging Spelling and Grammar games. Check the different tabs as they offer activities across the curriculum too!

[KS2 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

You will find an amazing array of top-quality activities to support your child's English skills.



### Maths:

[KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

You will find an amazing array of top-quality activities to support your child's Maths skills.

[Key Stage 2 Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

## Useful apps

Some Apps are free, some are free up to a point and some are prepaid.



1-Minute Maths is a free app that helps children build number confidence & fluency through engaging, 1-minute tasks.



Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. The children have logins for this already.



Hit the Button has quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers.



Spelling Shed helps children to progress through essential spelling skills, key sounds, rules, patterns and vocabulary.



MentalUP is a problem-solving app that incorporates a range of activities across the curriculum. It is engaging and exciting!

## Reading

- Read, read, read – this is the foundation for accessing other areas of learning. Children pick up on spelling, punctuation and grammatical structures from good texts.
- Read to your child so they can hear what a great reader sounds like and share your own love of books.
- Ask questions about the text to develop comprehension skills (See our newsletter for VIPERS Questions).
- Visit the local library.
- Play games such as crosswords, letter scramble and other puzzles.

## Ideas for English activities at home

[How Parents Can Help with Writing at Home — TeachWriting.org](https://www.teachwriting.org/how-parents-can-help-with-writing-at-home/)

This website has some creative, fun and free ideas to support English skills.

- Write a daily journal entry to encourage regular writing
- Create an Accordion poem/story by taking turns to write a line of text before folding the paper down each time. The end result is usually hilarious (this is a great way to get siblings involved too).
- Play games such as charades and scrabble to improve spelling and vocabulary.
- Choose an object around the house and describe it using descriptive or figurative language.

## Ideas for Maths activities at home

- Cook together, following recipes and measurements is a great way to develop Maths skills.
- Shop together and allow children to experience money in the real world.
- Asking your child what the time is using an analogue/digital clock, or the length of a journey/duration of activity.
- Flashcards are a great way to keep it interesting and short. You could write a range of arithmetic questions on them and encourage children to beat their personal best each time.