DALMAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Helping your child at home

Simple ideas for maths, reading and writing

YEAR 3

Talk every day

Talking is where reading, writing and maths begin. Children who can explain their thinking learn more deeply.

Open questions
Swap "Was it good?" for "What was interesting today?"

Explain it to me
Let them teach you something they learnt at school.

Agree or disagree
"I agree with … because …" builds reasons.

Maths

Make 100
"I've got 35p. How much more do I need to make £1?"

Times tables
Practise this half-term's times table for a few minutes, including division facts.

Cook and measure
Weigh in grams, measure in millilitres and read the scales together.

Read a clock
Use a clock with hands: "How long until dinner?"

KEY FACTS TO KNOW THIS YEAR (KIRFS)

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1
Number bonds to 100	The 6 times table	The 8 times table
SPRING 2	**SUMMER 1**	**SUMMER 2**
The 11 times table	Find 10 or 100 more or less than a number	Count in multiples of 50 and 100

TALK LIKE A MATHEMATICIAN – ENCOURAGE FULL SENTENCES

"In 236, the digit 3 is in the tens column. It has a value of 30."

"Ten more than 15 is 25."

KEY MATHS WORDS TO USE AT HOME

digit · hundreds · partition · estimate · inverse · multiple · product · remainder · numerator · denominator · equivalent · tenths

Little and often – just 10 minutes a day makes a real difference.

Reading

Read every day

Around 15 minutes a day, with you or on their own.

Let them choose

Comics, fact books, magazines and recipes all count. Visit the library together.

Sum it up

After a chapter, ask them to tell you what happened in three sentences.

Still read aloud

Hearing you read a longer book shows them what fluent reading sounds like.

TALK ABOUT THE BOOK

"How is the character feeling? Which words tell you?"

"What do you predict will happen? Why?"

"Did you find any interesting words? What do they mean?"

Writing

Talk before writing

Chat through ideas first, then say each sentence aloud before it goes down.

Longer sentences

Try **when, before, after, while, because** to join ideas together.

Read it back

Ask: "Does it make sense? Can you make one word more interesting?"

Neat, joined writing

Short, regular practice of joined handwriting really helps.

YEAR 3 AND 4 SPELLINGS TO PRACTISE

believe · different · February · favourite · island · knowledge · library · question · separate · through · heard · remember

Try **look, say, cover, write, check** with a few words each week. Ask your class teacher for the full list.

More ideas to try at home

Quick, free activities that fit into everyday life. Pick one or two a week – no worksheets needed.

MATHS **Café menu**
Design a menu with prices, take the family's orders and add up the bill.

MATHS **Dice times tables**
Roll a dice and multiply by this half-term's times table. Beat your score!

MATHS **Make 100**
Use playing cards to make two-digit numbers. Which pairs make 100?

MATHS **Clock challenge**
"It's 3:40 now. How many minutes until the film starts at 4:15?"

READING **Follow instructions**
Let them read the instructions for a model, game or recipe.

READING **Swap roles**
Let them read to you, a younger brother or sister – or even a pet!

READING **Try something new**
At the library, pick a book from a shelf they've never tried before.

WRITING **Keep a journal**
A special notebook for thoughts, lists, doodles and ideas.

WRITING **Pen pal**
Write a letter or postcard to a relative or friend who lives far away.

WRITING **How to…**
Write instructions for something they're good at. Can you follow them?

TALK **Just a minute**
Talk about a favourite topic for one minute without stopping.

TALK **News reporter**
Interview a family member, then report back what they found out.

Why reading matters

Reading for pleasure is one of the best ways to help your child do well at school. It builds vocabulary, imagination and empathy.

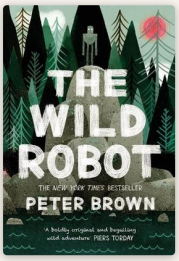
Keep reading aloud to them, even now. Let them see you reading too!

Visit your local library

- Joining is **free** and children can borrow books at no cost.
- Let them choose their own books – comics and fact books count.
- Look out for free events and the Summer Reading Challenge.

☆ Recommended reads for Year 3

Stories, facts, poems and comics from many voices and places. Look out for them at your local library.

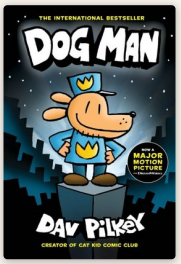


FICTION

The Wild Robot

Peter Brown

A robot washes up on a wild island and must learn to live among the animals.

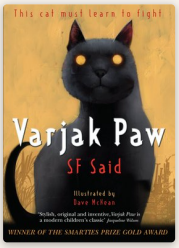


GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dog Man

Dav Pilkey

Half dog, half police officer, all hero – a hugely popular, laugh-out-loud comic.

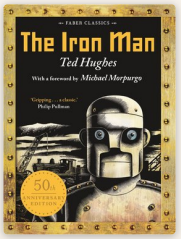


FICTION

Varjak Paw

SF Said & Dave McKean

A young cat learns a secret fighting skill to save his family in the city.

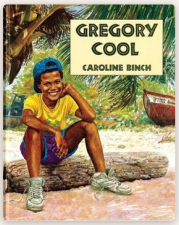


CLASSIC STORY

The Iron Man

Ted Hughes & Chris Mould

A mysterious metal giant appears – and may be the only one who can save Earth.

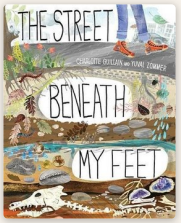


PICTURE BOOK

Gregory Cool

Caroline Binch

City boy Gregory visits his grandparents in Tobago and slowly falls for island life.

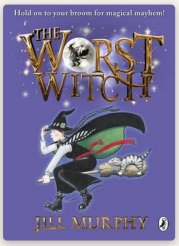


NON-FICTION

The Street Beneath My Feet

Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer

A fold-out journey down through pipes, fossils and rock to the centre of the Earth.

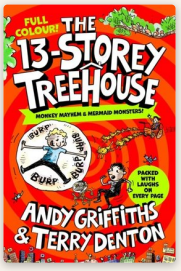


CHAPTER BOOK

The Worst Witch

Jill Murphy

Mildred Hubble is the clumsiest pupil at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches.



COMIC-STYLE

The 13-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Andy and Terry's treehouse has a bowling alley, a shark tank and more. Very silly!

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