



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

KS3

Subject	Homework	Wider reading	How parents can help at home
English	• Sparx English task set weekly, accessed via Sparx Reader - Home or by typing 'Sparx Reader' into Google. • Set weekly, due each Tuesday. • Knowledge Organisers	• CGP KS3 revision guides- available via ParentPay. • KS3 English BBC Bitesize KS3 English - BBC Bitesize	• Encourage regular reading. This helps build vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills. This can be fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, blogs and even graphic novels. • Discuss what your child is studying to reinforce understanding. Ask open-ended questions such as 'what book are you studying in English?' and encourage them to explain themselves, reinforcing their own learning. • Build vocabulary and grammar skills. Play word games like Scrabble or Boggle. Learn a 'word of the day' together and use it in conversations. Use online grammar tools or worksheets (BBC Bitesize is a good place to start). • Support with writing practice. Encourage journaling, writing short stories or review books and films.
Maths	• Sparx Maths task (with 2–3-week lag on content taught in lesson) • Due every Wednesday 9am • 40-minute task	• BBC Bitesize KS3 Maths • Sparx Independent Learning	• Have a positive mindset towards maths in front of students, regardless of personal experience with maths at school • Encourage use of Sparx Maths' videos when students are stuck • Encourage use of knowledge organiser when students are stuck • Monitor that students are completing Sparx Maths purposefully (rather than using an AI tool) • Encourage your child to write down their working out and answers whilst completing their online homework • Encourage your child to complete the 'XP Boost' task alongside their Sparx Maths homework • Quiz your child on timetables • Ask your child about their learning in their maths lesson and take an interest in their written work

Science	• 20-minute Educake quiz set weekly. • Use Educake An easier way to assess learning to access. • Set each Monday, due in the following Sunday (by midnight) • Support session for homework on Wednesdays 3pm-4pm (Room F6)	• Knowledge organisers • BBC KS3 science Bitesize: KS3 Science - BBC Bitesize • Seneca Learning: Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 • Educake independent learning	• Help your child to develop a weekly routine for completing their Educake quizzes. • Test your child's understanding using knowledge organisers. • Encourage your child to access the purple independent learning function on Educake • Remind your child about the independent study support for Science on Wednesdays after school. • Watch documentaries at home. • Help students to develop an understanding of the importance of science to our daily lives.
History	• Regular revision of knowledge and vocabulary • Some guided research tasks on wider knowledge • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize KS3 History - BBC Bitesize • BBC news	• Test your child on information and understanding of the topic on the Knowledge organiser. • Ask your child to talk about what we are studying in class. • Encourage completion of homework and revision especially around assessment times. • Watch History documentaries around the topics we study to further their knowledge of the world we live in. • Encourage watching the news and supporting understanding of Historical anniversaries such as Holocaust Memorial Day and Remembrance Day.

Modern Foreign Languages	• Regular vocabulary learning tasks - set of words or phrases to learn from sentence builder which will be tested in class • Other tasks (reading, writing & vocab) to practise language taught in lessons • Revision tasks in preparation for assessments (speaking, listening, reading & writing)	• Bitesize KS3 French/Spanish • Linguascope.com contains a wide selection of activities and games for independent practice (see teacher for username & password) • Duolingo	• Test your child on their vocabulary regularly. Core knowledge can be found in their books on coloured sentence builder sheets. • Encourage your child to review language taught in class regularly at home – revisiting language <i>little and often</i> helps it stick in the long-term memory • Ask to look at your child's exercise book and discuss work done in class with them – ask them to pronounce the words aloud to you • Prior to writing and speaking assessments, ensure that your child has practised their sentences and is confident to speak/write them
KS3 Computing	• Tasks to support with preparation for in class tasks • Attend KS3 Computing club to extend current knowledge • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize • Computing Magazines e.g. CS4FN	• Discuss e-safety issues with your child to support keeping them safe online • Encourage your child to access websites such as Scratch at home to support them with their coding skills • Ask your child to show you any work they have completed on MS Teams

Art and Design	• Refining and completing tasks set in lesson • Research tasks, gathering information and imagery • Evaluation tasks to reflect on own work • Attend Art club • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize • Gain Art and design-based reading material by researching the Internet or by visiting Art Galleries/ library and museums	• Have conversations with your child about the work they are creating in school • Ask to look at their sketchbooks and knowledge organisers to prompt conversations on their progress • Encourage your child to use free time to work on creative activities • Visit Art Galleries and Museums to inspire their creativity and ideas
Music	• 10 question MS Teams quiz (once a topic) with knowledge-based music theory questions linked to current topic. • C17 open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes for additional performance practice. • Attend extra-curricular music clubs • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize • Magazines such as NME • Online quizzes such as Quizlet	• Allow your child to hear a wide range of music genres through listening to different radio stations and sharing the music you were interested in when you were younger and now • Have conversations about concerts and music events you have been to • Look out for free/ cheaper music events at venues like the RNCM and the Bridgewater Hall • Attend local events where live musicians will be performing • Download free music sheets from makingmusicfun.net if you have a musical instrument at home • Use YouTube to find Karaoke backing tracks to rehearse the assembly songs

Drama	• Half termly tasks of learning lines from memory from scripts. • Role on the wall homework worksheet for every topic • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize • Research on plays from given scripts • Drama online accessible through the school library	• Support pupils' learning their lines by reading in other parts of the script • Attend a local theatre performance • Ask pupils to show you a particular facial expression or gesture from the character they are currently playing in class. E.g. anger, elated, heartbroken etc
KS3 PE	• Attend extra-curricular clubs • Practice skills and techniques learnt at home or community clubs • KS3 PE Knowledge Organisers		• KS3 PE Knowledge Organisers • Engage with playing sports/ activities with your child • Expose your child to community clubs • Watch sport on TV together
RE	• Specific combined literacy and research tasks to develop knowledge prior to teaching • Revision tasks • Knowledge Organisers	• BBC Bitesize	• Encourage discussions about religion and worldviews locally, nationally and worldwide • Encourage students to ask questions to develop enquiring minds • Encourage students to show respect and tolerance towards others • Quiz students about keywords and concepts identified on knowledge organisers

Technology	• Research tasks, gathering information and imagery • Evaluation tasks to reflect on own work • Knowledge Organisers		• Have conversations with your child about the work they are creating in school • Ask to look at their sketchbooks and knowledge organisers to prompt conversations on their progress • Encourage your child to use free time to work on creative activities • Visit Art galleries and Museums to inspire their creativity and ideas • Encourage your child to cook at home where possible
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