

Additional Activities to Support Learning at Home

Parents, families, and carers are a child's first and most important teachers. Here is a list of optional activities that you can share with your child, to support their learning.

All Curriculum Areas

Help your child develop their general knowledge.



Some ideas:

- Locate countries on maps and globes
- Visit museums, zoos, aquariums, parliament or other interesting places and discuss shared experiences
- Discuss shared experiences and explain the meaning of events or new words
- Help your child research areas of interest on the internet
- Participate in and discuss social or cultural events
- Watch educational T.V. shows or play educational computer games.

English

Reading, as well as listening, speaking and writing, are fundamental to the development of literacy skills, including vocabulary and language development. The key is to have a regular routine for reading together at a time that suits you both. Claiming even 10 minutes a day for reading together, has been shown to make a difference.

The **Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge** is a great way to extend your child because it encourages and promotes a love of reading. Children who successfully complete the challenge receive a certificate from the Victorian Premier. Details of when the challenge starts will be provided in our school's newsletter.

- Daily reading of take-home books.
- Daily practise of M100W or Most Common Words – Grade Lists for reading and writing.
- Regular reading 'to' your child and then discuss the story. Ask them to retell the story or give a summary of key ideas. (Library books or other books).
- Regularly visit the local library and borrow books of interest.
- Read print in the environment.
- Daily practise of spelling (M100W or Most Common Words).
- Display spelling words around the house or the child's room.
- Play games using the child's current spelling words.
- Write lists of interesting words to be used in writing.
- Show your child how to use the Internet to research questions.
- Keep a journal or a diary.
- Encourage listening for uninterrupted periods of time.
- Go online and complete "Reading Eggs" tasks.

These websites are excellent for developing your child's English skills.

<https://www.funbrain.com/games>

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<https://www.abcteach.com/directory/reading-comprehension-grades-2-4-fictional-83-2-1>

<http://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/>

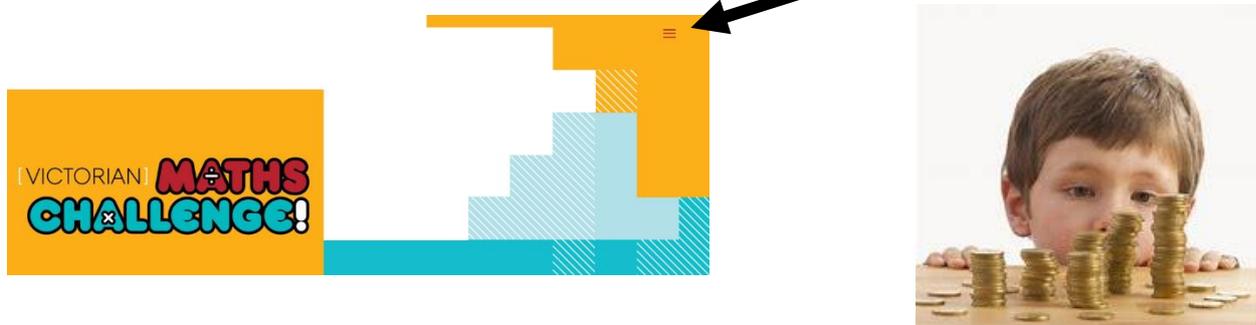


Mathematics

- Play counting, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication games when driving.
- Involve your child in using money, including totalling two amounts and working out change.
- Go shopping with the family and get your child to calculate the cost of items.
- Practise counting objects or items informally (e.g. red, green and white cars on the road).
- Recognise numbers in the environment.
- Practice times tables as often as possible.
- Count items around the house and divide them into groups.
- Read graphs, maps or timetables together.
- Go online and complete “Mathletics” tasks.
- The Victorian Maths Challenge is a fun and engaging way for families to engage in real life mathematics and explore problems together.

The Maths Challenge resources are provided by the Department of Education and Training, Victoria. Use the link below and navigate the website using the **Menu**.

<http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/>



2. The United Kingdom website ‘**Family Maths Toolkit**’ has many great mathematics ideas for different age groups that are useful.

<http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/activities-for-children>

FOR EXAMPLE: Money - 6 to 9 Year Olds - Give them small amounts of pocket money:

(The activity below is listed on the website and can be modified to use Australian coins or notes.)

Give them 50p a week and ask them what they think they can buy with it or, if they want to save for something bigger, how long will it take to reach their goal?