**Suggestions to help with Core subjects**

**MATHS-**

* Use CGP year 2 practise books to help embed/revise key skills, before moving onto year 3. Or use the year 3 book to challenge; extending with the year 4 book.
* Have a go at the termly maths packs sent home (They will cover the previous term’s learning).
* Buy times tables posters/music CD’s-look and listen to them at every opportunity.
* Use money to buy ‘pocket money’ treats-calculate how much is needed/left over.
* Notice time around the house-on the microwave/kitchen clock/wear a watch!
* Ask your child to help with measuring…..amounts in recipes, lengths when crafting or building, capacities for liquids.

**READING-**

* Do the library reading challenge/Join the library-they have suggested book lists for all ages and interest-books are free to order and borrow.
* Encourage recording of own comments at least once a week about what they are reading. Ensure they answer the reading questions/challenges written by staff or ask questions from the helpful bookmark.
* Read a wide variety of genres-comics/instruction leaflets/tourist information guides/signs on journeys.
* Read, read, read! Writing effectively will not usually happen until reading is competent, regular and fluent.

**WRITING-**

* Write as often as you can! (leave a message for a family member-complete own clubs sheets etc)
* Shopping list for food
* Birthday cards/thankyou cards in ‘best’ writing and accurate spelling.
* Play some of the spelling games from the helpful ideas for spellings sheet.
* Postcards from holiday
* Diary/scrapbook-stick in tickets/photos/leaflets etc, and write sentences to describe what happened from days out or holidays.
* Write a book review of your favourite book.
* Write a letter to your favourite author/sporting hero/role model.

**SCIENCE-**

* Show wonder at the natural world-gather leaves/notice seeds/buds/habitats. Create a mini wildlife area in a pot or garden.
* Grow herbs or simple plants in pots.
* Play with magnets….even magnetic tools (checking safety first)
* Join the young RSPB or Wiltshire wildlife.
* Explore KS2 Bitesize for Science (and other subject areas).
* Buy ‘National Geographic Junior’ magazine.
* Notice how toys/engines/bicycles/household objects such as hoovers work move and work. If broken; allow your child to dismantle to see the inner workings!

Useful websites:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) (Maths and Science)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> (All subject areas)

<https://www.naturalcurriculum.co.uk/> (Information and resources for Grammar and punctuation)

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/spelling-year-3-age-7-8/> (Spelling support and games links)

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/> (Online spelling games)

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-writing/writing-year-3-age-7-8/> (Information and activities to support writing)

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/> (A range of online times table games)