

Ideas for independent learning activities

On the school website here <https://www.wherelearnersgrow.co.uk/learning/learning-journal-resources> there is an electronic version of the Learning Journal resources, there is one for YR-Y2 and one for KS2. These are useful resources. There are some pages it would be helpful to print out to help with these independent activities.

	For reading and spelling practice	Handwriting - letter formation sheet	Phonics to practise – you may already have these sheets at home	Number facts
YR	tricky words on p6	p13	p7-9	
Y1&2	Tricky words p11-12 Common exception words p15	p13	p9-10	p24 bonds to 10,20,100
Y3&4	Y3/4 spellings p5	p9	read every day for at least 15 minutes	P19 times tables
Y5&6	Y5/6 spellings p6	p9	read every day for at least 20 minutes	p19 times tables

Every day children should spend time learning their **spellings** – either the weekly ones set or from the sheet. This could be writing out the different parts in different colours, making word towers with them, writing them in sentences, using a dictionary to look them up, seeing how many of one word they can write in a minute etc.

Handwriting – it is important that children write physically during lockdown. This was an area they struggled with on return from the last lockdown. Ask your child to practise certain letters using the letter formation sheet. They could copy passages out from their favourite book in their best writing, maybe use a joke book and write a joke a day in their best writing. Children are used to practising their spelling words in their best handwriting – this could be another challenge.

Maths –independent time is good for learning facts. Children could write out random numbers from 1-12 and add a certain number, multiply by a different number, subtract a certain number. You could have number of the day and ask them to explore a particular number. All repeated practice like this helps establish knowledge of number.

These are just a few ideas – there are many more you could do – just remember, sometimes the basics work best.

I hope you find these useful.

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