

<u>Area of Literacy</u>	<u>It Will Help if You:</u>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to read every day and talk to them about what they are reading. • Encourage your child to read out loud to you. • If your child is unsure of vocabulary, ensure they look up words in a dictionary and record them. • Talk to your child about the purpose of texts and their reading of them. • Introduce a range of text types and styles to your child. • Discuss topics that will develop your child's reading around a topic. • Discuss topics found in our newsletter: word, job, article of the week and book of the month.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct your child's grammar in their writing. • List new words and check your child's understanding of them. • Pronounce, define, and contextualise new words that your child comes across. • Support written homework with planning, structuring, drafting, writing, proof-reading, and editing.
Oracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge talk by ensuring answers are in full sentences and are not using slang or fillers. • Pick students up on speech trends (e.g. 'basically', 'like', 'he goes' instead of 'he said'). • Correct your child's grammar in their speaking. • Encourage your child to use new words they have learnt and complex vocabulary. • Encourage your child to listen carefully, ask questions and take turns to speak in their discussions. • Remind your child to speak at an appropriate volume, tone, and pace. • Encourage philosophical/hypothetical discussions: e.g. starting with 'what if...?'
Developing a Passion for Reading and Encouraging Reading at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with your child and encourage them to read to you as much as possible. • Set aside time to read every day - ideally for at least 20 minutes per day; reading before bed is a great time for this. • Spend time in the local library. • Use the reading questions when you read with your child. • Read a book at the same time as your child and discuss it. • Let your child see you reading; share the types of texts that you read (e.g. newspaper, biographies, your favourite novel). • Encourage your children to share their ideas and opinions by talking about what they are reading and what they have learnt.