

Y7 Supporting your child with English at home

The three crucial skills in Literacy are: **READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, and LISTENING**

Can you resolve to complete one of the below each week with your child?

Reading: the key skills in Year 7

- Read, understand and respond to texts
- Give your opinions
- Select evidence from a text to support opinions
- Explain meanings

Supporting your child...

- Read the same book as your child and discuss their opinions on key characters, the 'best bits' of the book, look for proof in the book that supports ideas
- Take trips to the library or to book shops, and spend time looking at blurbs and talking about what might interest them
- Download the BBC News app or Newsround app and talk about what they have learnt about a news item and their views on it over dinner
- Talk about articles in the newspaper that may interest them and share views
- Could reading rewards help? Spending money per book read?

Writing: the key skills in Year 7

- Write in different forms and styles including: story writing, descriptive writing, writing a letter, writing an article

Supporting your child...

- When reading articles with your child, discuss the layout, consider why articles are structured in particular ways: images, headlines, shape
- Use www.pobble365.com as writing inspiration
- Share formal and informal letters with children that you feel are appropriate (from school perhaps) and discuss the structure, language, layout
- Take a lyric from a song and plan a story or a poem together
- Ask them what words they would use to describe the weather, an experience, an event
- When your child is completing homework, remind them to check it to encourage them to edit

Speaking and Listening: the key skills in Year 7

- Develop confidence in speech and performance, expressing opinions and viewpoints on a range of topics

Supporting your child...

- When watching television, talk about how characters speak in a formal and informal way and discuss why
- Encourage your child to tell you about something they have done during the day for one minute without stopping (time them)
- Ask your child to read pieces of work that they are proud of, considering the use of punctuation and how it can convey meaning and emphasis
- Talk about the news and their opinions/views on what is going on in the world around them, asking them to justify their ideas in three clear arguments/points

