



Guidelines for Parents

How can I support my child with their Blackhen lessons?

Top Tips:

- 1) Encourage your child to sit at a desk or table to complete their Blackhen work.
- 2) Try to make the lesson time at the same time each week, so that they get into a routine (I know this is not always possible).
- 3) Explain to your child the importance of them maintaining their English writing skills.

Reading:

- 1) If your child needs help reading the tasks or text in a lesson, read through with them.
- 2) Encourage your child to read in English. This can be anything from comics, adverts, newspapers, magazines as well as books.
- 3) Encourage your child to read non-fiction as well as fiction.
- 4) Encourage your child to use a dictionary when they come across difficult words.

GPS Skills (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling):

- 1) Encourage your child to check through their work for any mistakes.
- 2) Do not correct or point out any mistakes that have been missed. We need to see them.
- 3) If your child asks for help with a spelling, then spell the word for them or encourage them to look it up in a dictionary.

Written work:

- 1) Make sure your child labels each sheet with their name.
- 2) Encourage them to write in eligible, neat writing.
- 3) Encourage your child to take pride in their work.
- 4) Encourage the importance of completing work on time.

Creative work:

- 1) Encourage your child to be original.
- 2) Encourage them to illustrate their work.
- 3) Encourage your child to use colour, pictures, and photographs.