

West Ewell Infants School
Ideas for Year 2 parents



Year 2 Top Ten Tips for parents:

1. Look for numbers when you are out and about. Try adding or subtracting house numbers or partitioning bus numbers into tens and units.
2. There are plenty of board games that require maths and English skills. These can fun for the whole family and support learning going on at school.
3. Look for opportunities to reinforce number bonds to ten as these underpin all future addition and subtraction learning! (0 + 10, 1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6, 5 + 5)
4. Wherever possible, let you child handle money and work out change.
5. Look for opportunities to rehearse times tables. By the end of year 2, children need to know their 0, 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables and be able to recall any of them rapidly, not just in order. They can move onto 3s and 4s if they want to be challenged further.
6. Encourage your child to question the things they see, to wonder how and why things happen, so that they can become deep thinkers.
7. When taking part in any writing activity (thank you letters, postcards) always encourage your child to start with capital letters and finish with a full stop. Bad habits can be hard to break!
8. Encourage your child to read road signs, the backs of food packages etc... to develop their range of words recognised on sight.
9. Encourage children to use a wide range of vocabulary, eg. Use interesting adjectives to describe an object – don't settle for 'big/small', 'happy/sad!'
10. Some children enjoy keeping diaries of special events or holidays. They are always welcome to bring these in to share with the class, along with any other objects which have contributed to out of school learning.