

OUR HOME LEARNING OFFERING



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North Wheatley
CofE Primary



OUR APPROACH

At North Wheatley C of E Primary, we believe that home learning can play a vital role in reinforcing the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom, while also fostering independence and responsibility. However, we also appreciate the demands of family life and understand the importance of children being children and having time to play and access enrichment when not at school. Therefore, our approach to home learning includes a hybrid of both home learning and online activities to cater to the different needs and learning styles of children and families.

Reading at home remains a priority to ensure that all children develop their comprehension, fluency, and imagination. We encourage children to read **at least five times a week**. This year, we have made some exciting changes to reading, including the creation of reading champions.

We believe that knowledge organisers are a helpful tool for consolidating learning across different subjects. These organisers outline key facts, concepts, and vocabulary that students should be familiar with. Encouraging your child to study the knowledge organisers regularly will aid long-term retention and retrieval of information.

In addition to home learning, children will have access to online platforms such as Phonics Shed/Spelling Shed, Prodigy, and Times Table Rock Stars. These interactive tools provide a fun and engaging way to reinforce skills and extend prior learning.

Exclusively pupils in Year 6 will receive workbooks to support their SATS learning and help ease their transition to secondary school. These workbooks will enhance their preparation for the assessments, enabling them to feel confident and well-equipped for the challenges ahead.



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PLANNERS

Your child's planner has a great deal of useful information to support your child with their learning at home.

READING

We're thrilled to introduce an exciting new way to celebrate and encourage reading at home! This term, every child will receive their very own Reading Bookmark to track their progress.



STICKER REWARDS

For every 5 home reading sessions, your child earns a colourful sticker for their bookmark, celebrating their consistent effort.

READING RIBBONS

Collect 8 stickers (two full rows!) to earn a themed Reading Ribbon, recognising their dedication and progress.

CHAMPION BADGES

A filled bookmark earns a special Reading Champion Badge, presented in Wow Worship as a proud recognition of their commitment.



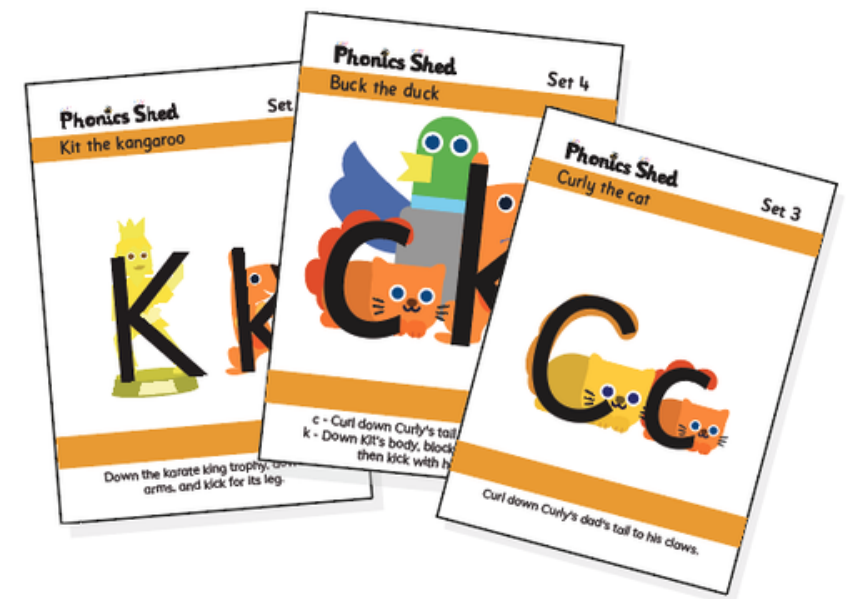
SPELLINGS

Spelling lists will be uploaded to the Spelling Shed account weekly for your children to practice at home, reflecting their current learning. This way, the lists will no longer be confined to planners.

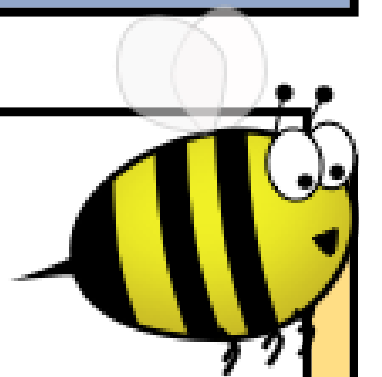
HOME LEARNING OFFER - ONLINE

Phonics Shed

Reinforces children's understanding of phonics learning.



Spelling Shed



Games and activities to enhance vocabulary, spelling, and grammar. Teachers can customise spelling lists to suit children's individual needs, promoting independent learning and self-motivation.



PRODIGY

Online game where children can practice both Maths and English skills.



TTRS

Helps children to learn and practice multiplication tables.

READING AT HOME

Reading is crucial for language and comprehension skills, creativity, imagination, and empathy. It encourages critical thinking, expands vocabulary, and fosters an appreciation for diversity. To encourage regular reading at home, set aside dedicated reading time, lead by example, celebrate reading milestones, visit the library, and engage in discussions about the books your child is reading.

WHAT BOOKS SHOULD MY CHILD BE READING?

EYFS & KS1

A chapter book designed to complement their phonics learning and foster a love for reading. Some of these books will include words for you to read alongside your child, closely aligned with their phonetic knowledge and the learning happening at school. Other books will be wordless, featuring detailed illustrations that encourage discussion and allow children to create their own stories. It’s essential to share these beloved books with an adult, as your child may not have mastered all the sounds in these texts yet.

Year 2 Onwards

A decodable book tailored to their comprehension level will be provided, along with an optional choice of a love-for-reading book. As children progress towards the end of Lower Key Stage 2, those who are fluent readers will transition into “Free Readers,” allowing them the freedom to select any text available in school to nurture a lifelong passion for reading.

All children are encouraged to choose books to read with their parents, even if these selections are more challenging than their typical reading level. This practice is vital in cultivating a love for reading at home.

HOW DOES REGULAR READING IMPACT MY CHILD?

Pupil A reads	Pupil B reads	Pupil C reads
20 minutes per day 3,600 minutes per school year 1,800,000 words per year	5 minutes per day 900 minutes per school year 282,000 words per year	1 minute per day 180 minutes per school year 8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the top 10% of national assessments	Scores in the top 50% of national assessments	Scores in the bottom 10% of national assessments

Phonics Shed

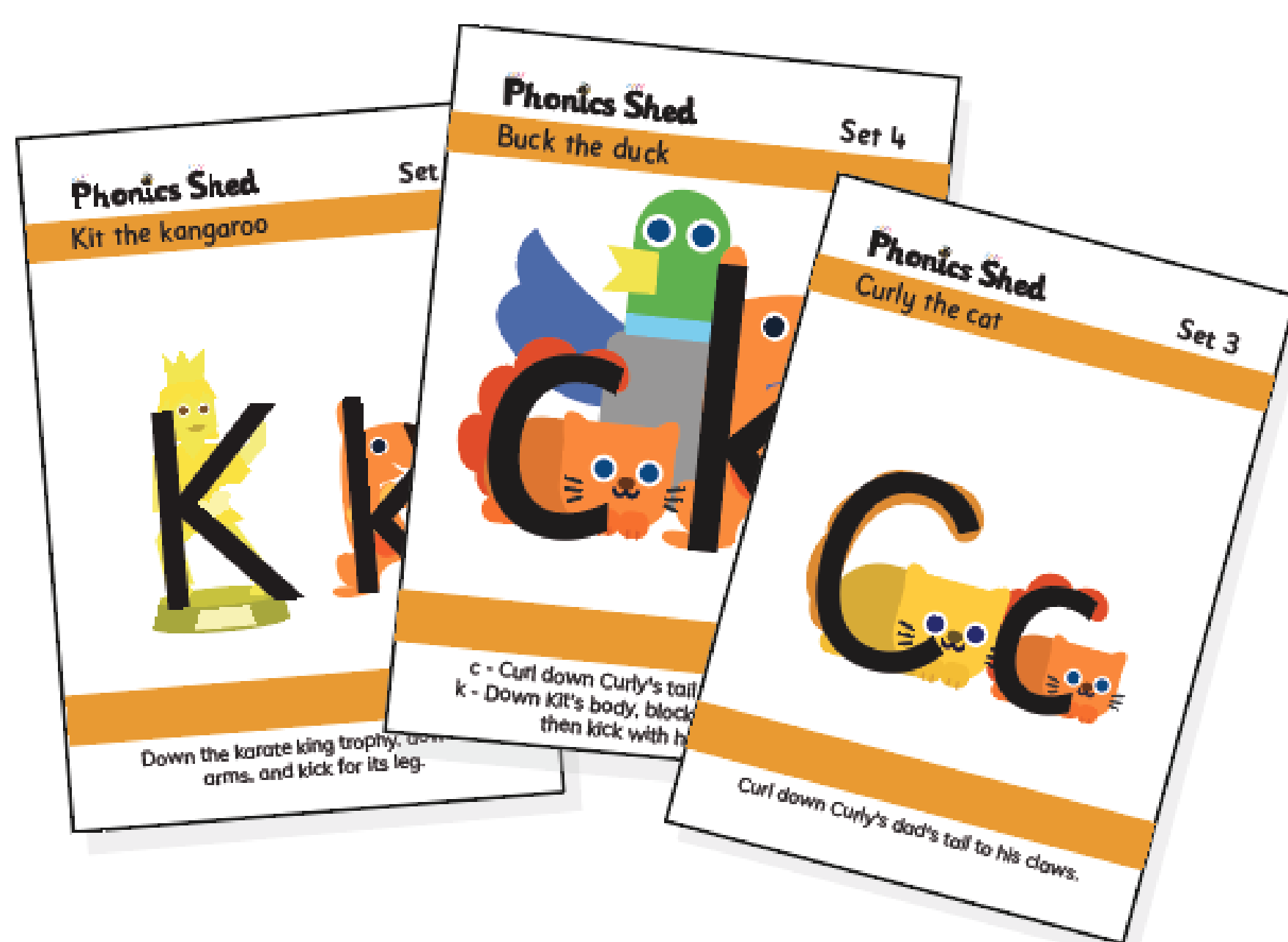
Phonics Shed offers a wide range of interactive games and activities that are designed to make learning phonics enjoyable for children. These activities are carefully designed to capture their attention and cater to different learning styles, ensuring that every child can benefit from this resource.

One of the great advantages of Phonics Shed is that it aligns with the phonics program we follow in school, thus reinforcing the concepts being taught in the classroom. This consistency strengthens your child's understanding of phonics and reinforces their learning.

By using Phonics Shed at home, your child can take ownership of their learning and develop essential independent study skills. Over time, they will grow more confident in applying their phonics knowledge when reading and writing.

Another benefit of Phonics Shed is its accessibility and flexibility. This resource can be accessed anytime, anywhere, on a variety of devices such as tablets, smartphones, or computers. This flexibility enables your child to engage with phonics learning beyond school hours, and at a time that suits your family's schedule.

Phonics Shed provides a convenient way for your child to review and practice phonics skills whenever they have spare time, and it allows you to actively participate and support their learning at home.





Spelling Shed is an interactive online platform that provides a fun and engaging way for children to practice their spelling skills. It offers a wide range of activities, including interactive games, quizzes, and challenges, all designed to improve spelling, vocabulary, and phonics.

By using Spelling Shed regularly at home, your child can reinforce the spelling patterns and rules they learn in school. The interactive nature of the platform keeps children motivated and interested, making their spelling practice enjoyable. It also helps them develop a deeper understanding of spelling patterns, which in turn enhances their overall literacy skills.

One of the unique features of Spelling Shed is the ability for children to compete against their classmates in the Hive Game. This friendly competition not only adds an extra element of excitement but also encourages children to strive for improvement and boosts their confidence in their spelling abilities.

Furthermore, Spelling Shed allows staff to easily track their child's progress. They can conveniently monitor the words your child has been practicing and identify any areas where they may need additional support.

To support your child's spelling practice, we have provided each student with their unique Spelling Shed login details. Please ensure that they have access to a device with an internet connection at home, such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone.





Prodigy is an online platform that gamifies mathematics learning for children aged 5 to 12. It is designed to engage and motivate students by transforming math into an interactive and fun adventure. With Prodigy, your child can explore a virtual world, solve challenging math problems, and earn rewards for their progress.

One of the key benefits of Prodigy is that it aligns perfectly with the 2014 National Curriculum in England. The platform covers all areas of mathematics, including number and place value, geometry, measurement, statistics, and more. By using Prodigy at home, your child can reinforce the skills and knowledge they acquire at school, ensuring a solid foundation in maths.

Furthermore, Prodigy offers a personalized learning experience tailored to your child's abilities and needs. The platform continually assesses your child's performance and provides them with questions of appropriate difficulty. This adaptive approach ensures that your child is constantly challenged but not overwhelmed, promoting their growth and progress.

Another advantage of Prodigy is its accessibility. The platform is available on various devices, including computers, tablets, and smartphones, making it convenient for your child to engage in productive learning activities wherever they are. Whether at home or on a long car journey, Prodigy can be a valuable companion for your child's educational journey.

Notably, Prodigy encourages a positive mindset towards math by presenting it engagingly and enjoyably. Through the use of game-based elements, such as solving puzzles and battling virtual characters, Prodigy makes math an exciting adventure rather than a daunting challenge. By making learning fun, Prodigy can foster your child's love for mathematics and build their confidence in tackling mathematical problems.





Times Table Rock Stars is an interactive game that allows students to practice their multiplication tables in a fun and engaging way. By using this platform, children can develop a solid foundation for mathematical progress while improving their recall speed and accuracy at their own pace.

One of the key benefits of Times Table Rock Stars is that it encourages self-motivation, friendly competition, and a sense of community among students. They can compete with their classmates and even challenge themselves to beat their own personal best. This healthy competition fosters a positive learning environment and motivates children to strive for improvement.

In order to fully participate in Times Table Rock Stars, your child will require regular access to a computer or tablet with internet connectivity. This will allow them to access the game and actively engage with the multiplication tasks presented.

What sets Times Table Rock Stars apart is its ability to tailor the game to the individual needs of your child. The platform intelligently questions and supports them on the specific times tables that they need to know, helping them reinforce their learning in a targeted and effective manner. This personalized approach ensures that your child receives the support they need to succeed.

For our Year 4 students, in particular, Times Table Rock Stars offers vital support as they prepare to undertake their Multiplication Check at the end of the year. This assessment plays a significant role in assessing their multiplication skills and will provide valuable insights into their progress.

We believe that incorporating Times Table Rock Stars into our curriculum will greatly benefit your child's mathematical development. We strongly recommend that you provide them with regular access to this online platform at home to further enhance their learning experience.

