



How can parents support their children in Foundation?

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Each subject has provided some ideas as to how parents can support their children at home. In addition parents can support their children by providing them with a quiet time and place to complete their homework. A healthy diet, exercise and ensuring that your child has enough sleep each evening is vital for their progress at school.

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Art

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents are encouraged to spend time with their children, helping them to practise basic drawing skills weekly and photographing their environment.

We parents to support students by visiting galleries and museums regularly to develop their knowledge of the subject.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classroom codes along with other department information can be found in Student Handbooks

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

There are no specific revision guides or online content for GCSE Art and Photography. You can more detailed information and previous papers on the AQA website - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>

We also encourage students to visit galleries and museums regularly to develop their knowledge of the subject.

Computing

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents should encourage their children to use computer systems effectively at home and recognise that they are not just for entertainment or social networking. Parents should be able to discuss the risks of using electronic devices and monitor their child's use of social networking sites so that they are safe online.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google Apps for Education Small Basic Python 3

Google Classroom

news.bbc.co.uk/technology

news.sky.com/technology

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

No textbooks are required.

Design and Technology: Design

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can support by checking that students complete the set homework and offer additional comments and support on any research tasks. Checking planners for any specific tasks, instructions or ingredients that may be needed in a lesson. Visits to design exhibitions or relevant technology based trips would be supportive, encouraging students to be independent and add value to their work. We request that parents/guardians make a voluntary contribution to funding projects over the year, a letter will be sent out to confirm this.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.technologystudent.com, <https://designmuseum.org/>

Google classroom code: Year 7 - f4bz7s. Year 8 - r0esq3s

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Design and Technology. AQA GCSE (9-1) By M J Ross, published by PG Online. ISBN: 978-1-910523-10-0. * Only recommended for students who wish to study technology at KS4 - GCSE



Design and Technology: Food

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Keep a track on when a food lesson is taking place and the night before a practical it would be good to help weigh out the ingredients and read through the recipe
- Encourage the student to practice the recipe before the lesson
- Let the class teacher know if there are particular dietary requirements/allergies and if there are any issue in supplying ingredients

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

<http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/>

Google Classroom

Year 7 - 7ilbs9o

Year 8 - csl4dly

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

GCSE Textbook - AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition Paperback – 29 Apr 2016 by Anita Tull

ISBN-10: 1908682787

AQA GCSE 9-1 Food Preparation and Nutrition All-in-One Revision and Practice (Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 31 Aug 2016 **ISBN-10:** 000816634X

Drama

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Show an interest in the subject, help with homework (but do not do it for them), discuss artwork and go to exhibitions.
- Find out about TV programmes, theatre productions, films, exhibitions relevant to your child's learning and enjoying them together.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

National Theatre YouTube Channels – great videos about productions, acting techniques and styles.

Technical theatre and tutorials

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalTheatre>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre>

Google Classroom:

Year 7: **3jhr81**

Year 8: **95qcxyd**

English

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Test their spelling.

Talk through homework tasks and encourage them to proof-read their work.

If research homework is set, help them to sift through the mass of information available.

Listen to any scheduled individual talks and ask them questions that require them to develop their ideas further.

Encourage your son/ daughter to read widely. Suggest that they read different genres, different authors.

Encourage visits to a local library.

Read with them and share opinions on what you read.



Encourage letter writing to pen-friends, or relatives.
Visiting the theatre and seeing film adaptations of literary texts is most helpful.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- www.shmoop.com
- www.cliffnotes.com
- www.sparknotes.com
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

There are no textbooks or revision guides for foundation level students.

French

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Test them on the meanings of Spanish words/sentences when they have to learn vocab or grammar.
Help them to manage their time when learning vocabulary: a little and often is the key.
Help them develop learning techniques: look, cover, write, check is the method used in primary school.
How can this method be adapted to help with the learning of a new language?
If they are doing reading get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English.
Ask them what certain words mean – how spontaneously can they answer you?

EXTENDED STUDY INFORMATION

Guide them towards extra vocabulary eg:

- <http://www.linguascope.com>
- <http://www.bbc.uk/languages/french/mafrance>
- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>

Encourage them to read about French / francophone culture by finding out about regions and towns using English, or French, websites

BBC Bitesize: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zgdqxn> (French)

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Geography

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Help them research a topic and write up their findings in their own words. • Help with map skills be using the Reading OS map and also navigate whilst out and about. • Check understanding of key words.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classroom code will be given out to students in the first couple of weeks of term to help them with h/w and revising in geography.

History

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Encourage them to keep their exercise books organised.
For longer pieces of writing and project work help with research, planning and read through the work before it is handed in.



Check that they understand how to use the internet for research by looking for plagiarism (copy & pasting from the internet can be very tempting).
Test them on key terminology and definitions.
Talk to them about what they are learning.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Individual class Google Classrooms are created to support the students in homework tasks and provide wider reading and support materials.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

We use a wide variety of textbooks that provide information for lessons, however, the number of textbook-based lessons is minimal. Therefore, there is not a particular book that can be recommended. Instead, information and research should be found using online resources such as those posted on class Google Classrooms.

Mathematics

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Talk to them about everyday uses of mathematics, e.g. talk to them about recipes when cooking, time intervals when planning your day, or prices when making purchases.
Talk through homework tasks and encourage them to check their work by revisiting each question/task and checking for mistakes.
If research homework is set, help them to identify research that is appropriate for their stage of development.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize>
- <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>
- <https://nrich.maths.org/>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

There is no specific textbook or revision guide for Foundation Stage mathematics. Revision guides aimed at GCSE grades 9-1, or old National Curriculum levels 4-8 would be useful revision aids if you wished to purchase a guide for your son/daughter.

Music

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can support the study of music by listening to music and discussing it with their child. They may also listen to the child's recordings on Google Classroom and discuss their progress with them. Some parents may choose to enrol their child in additional music lessons provided by Berkshire Maestros.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Each class has a separate Google Classroom with recordings, information and homework.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

N/A



Physical Education

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

You can support your child by making sure they are fully prepared to take part in all activities and to encourage them to be active outside of school life.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.bbc.com/education

www.bbc.co.uk/sport

Google Classroom code for PE – 20xwhu

Purple Pathway

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Please see English and maths, Geography and history.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

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TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

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Religion Studies

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Please have a close look at the Foundation Booklet and the curriculum map at the front of students' books to see what your child is studying in class.

- Discuss ideas and issues together, particularly focusing on the key beliefs, practices, feelings of different religious people and ask your child to reflect on their own opinion of the ideas.
- Support with research and use of the internet.
- Read through prepared written tasks.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google Classroom Code- ssonqn7

Science

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Encourage your son/daughter to consolidate their learning by making use of the kerboodle on line text book

Encourage them to go to the science support sessions

Test them on the spelling of key scientific words

Encourage them to explain what they have learnt in science that lesson

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Kerboodle.com

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES



Spanish

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USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.linguascope.com (password and username to be shared in class).
Googleclassroom – notices are added usually before assessment or for important assignments.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Mira 1 and Mira 2 - **Author:** [Anneli McLachlan](#) -
ISBN – 9780435387655