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EAL workshop

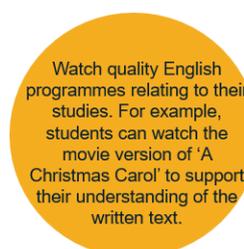
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Top tips for EAL learners!

- Using your home language is very important. Ask your child about their school day, encourage them to talk about their lessons and what they did at lunch time using your home language. Encourage your child to speak, listen, read and write in their home language. Do not feel pressured to use English at home, especially if you are not a confident English speaker, as your child has plenty of opportunities to use English at school.
- Homework support is very helpful. Here are some useful steps: 1. Read the task in English. 2. Talk about the instructions in your home language. 3. Discuss the task and any new vocabulary in your home language. 4. Ask your child to complete the assignment in English. Switching between languages is good for the brain and shows an understanding of the concepts!
- Reading is significant for language development and wider literacy skills.
- Ensure you have a daily reading routine. Children need something to look forward to each evening, and it should be the enjoyment of reading with you.
- As you read together, ask your child questions about the story (What has happened? What will happen next? Which characters do you like, and why?)
- Make sure you have plenty of first language books, magazines etc. around the house.
- Invite your child to write a book review after finishing. They can include: title, characters, beginning, middle, end, new vocabulary, what they liked / didn't like about the story or characters.
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- Play dates with other children can help develop your child's social English, especially if their playmate is of a different nationality. Speak to other parents, and organise play dates regularly.
- After-school clubs are a great way to develop their English in an authentic environment.
- Shared activities at home like cooking, games, songs and movies will help to develop your child's language and social skills.

Tips to support your child at home – 5 key tips

EAL learning doesn't stop outside the classroom. There are multiple ways in which you can help your child at home.



■ Websites and Resources

Youtube recommendations:

Alphablocks

<https://www.youtube.com/c/officialalphablocks>

Numberjacks

<https://www.youtube.com/c/NumberjacksTV>

Also available on Spotify and Apple Music

Letters and Sounds Home and School

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw

Sci Show Kids - Speed setting

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

Website recommendations:

<https://www.literacyplanet.com/>

Used by class teachers to assign activities at home. Activities include phonics, grammar and reading comprehension. Use this to input weekly spellings. Accessible for all ages.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Class teacher assigns books appropriate for your child (EYFS to Lower Key Stage 2)

Use read to me mode

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - Phonics play

www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html - Letters and Sounds

www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds - Top marks

www.twinkl.co.uk - Twinkl have lots of EAL resources, some are free!

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://www.english-zone.com/>

<http://www.english-daily.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish>

<http://www.ealgamesplus.com>