



Dear parents/carers

Thank you for choosing to send your child to the 11+ club.

The club is here to support your child in identifying areas within their reading, writing, mathematics, verbal and non-verbal reasoning that need further development. The 11+ club is here to support your child in preparation for the 11+ exams as well as provide overall support in preparation for Y6.

### **How to help your child at home**

Encourage your child to read sections of a good quality newspaper and discuss the articles – focus on new words and phrases and what they mean. Encourage daily watching of the news – BBC Newsround or general news reports – discuss their understanding of events in the world.

Select a book from the reading list or equivalent and encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes a day – spend 5 to 10 minutes discussing new vocabulary/unfamiliar ideas within the book shared.

Please ensure your child has access to a good dictionary and thesaurus – paper or electronic. New vocabulary should be explored by your child (looking for synonyms and building a vocabulary bank). Children may wish to include these within their writing.

Knowing all the multiplication tables fluently is vital to your child's success in the mathematics paper. Practice any unfamiliar tables each day until they are fluent. (We will be looking closely at questions posed in previous mathematics papers and discuss solutions together within our sessions.)

### **Draw up a daily schedule to support 11+ revision**

Suggested timings:

Reading – 30 minutes a day (use a dictionary/thesaurus to look up unfamiliar words and build a personal word bank)

Multiplication tables – 10 minutes a day

Writing (improve a sentence) – x10 minutes a day (use a dictionary/thesaurus and try to include new words from your child's word bank)

After Christmas, weekly 11+ homework will be sent home to be completed ahead of the next session – approx. 1 hour a week



## **Additional resources (click on links)**

### [CSSE – 11+](#)

This link will take you to the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex site. Here you can find details of:

- Examination guidance,
- Contact information,
- List of schools within the consortium
- Examination dates
- Registration processes
- Sample papers and resources etc.

### [11 plus CSSE - Bing video](#)

Some children will enjoy watching 11+ tutorials online – click on link above.

### [Reading-List-for-9-10-Year-Olds1.pdf \(11plussuccess.co.uk\)](#)

A good reading list to use as reference when encouraging your child to read a wider range of books – many can be found at your local library or online. You may want discuss the books first and begin with a book that may interest your child. We will be looking at extracts from similar books in more detail throughout the year.

### [Grammar - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize](#) and [Language - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

A good link to help your child familiarise themselves with grammatical terminology and various language devices. We will be focusing on these within writing, developing writing style and composition.

Feel free to email me on [mrshahn@darlinghurst.southend.sch.uk](mailto:mrshahn@darlinghurst.southend.sch.uk) for further queries.

Kind regards

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