How to Help Your Child in English

- Discuss the texts and the topic that your child is studying with them during the unit.
- Encourage your child to read widely outside the scope of the texts set for specific study in English lessons.
- Exemplify the fact that you value reading by reading yourself.
- Promote discussion of world events and the news.
- Encourage your child to write for pleasure outside the course work addressed in class.
- Have a quiet time and place set aside for homework and writing.
- Remind your child to proof read and edit their work before handing it in.
- Offer yourself as an audience before your child gives their speech in English and try to focus on bolstering their confidence in speaking.
- Encourage your child to discover their learning style and what works for them—which may well be very different from their best friend.
- Remind your child that despite the fact that we live in a digital age, we do expect that children will use their own words when presenting research and should avoid cutting and pasting chunks of information from the internet.
- Help your child be as organised as possible. Rather than maintaining the organisation for them, help them make sure all the due dates for assignments, homework and assessments are written in their diary and check to make sure that they are planning ahead to address those deadlines.
- Try to limit the time your child spends on Facebook and social networking sites and suggest that they borrow a book from our excellent library here at school.
- Be supportive regarding your child’s development—some children will take time to develop some of the skills taught in English and suggesting that your child talk to their teacher about concerns at the time they come up will help this process more than an exclusive focus on assessment results. The staff will always be happy to go over material or to offer extra practice questions to consolidate an area of concern.
- Help your child join the local library.
- We will endeavour to make English as enjoyable and exciting as possible and we hope that you and your child will be as enthusiastic about our subject as we are.