# <u>Doodle Maths, Doodle Tables, Doodle</u> <u>English and Doodle Spell</u>

Doodle Apps are online applications that the children really enjoy, and the school has expanded and further invested in. They offer individualised programmes that assess your child's weaknesses/strengths and adjust the work set accordingly. Teachers will use this to help inform their teaching/assessments.

Parents can download the four apps at home and encourage daily usage at a regular time. About 10 minutes daily, 4-5 days a week is recommended. Aim for a daily target of 15-30 stars for each area.

Each child has their own log-in details.

#### Doodle Tables and TT Rockstars

The better children are at times table **quick** recall, the better they are in all areas of maths. Please practise regularly.

A free website <u>Timestables.co.uk</u> replicates the year 4 MTC test so parents/families can compete against each other. Good luck - it's difficult! Lots of games too.

Children also have their own logins for <u>TT Rockstars</u>.



### <u>English</u>

#### Daily reading:

Our goal is to prepare children for a life-long relationship with a good book! "Children who say that they enjoy reading and read for pleasure in their own time, do better at school." (OECD 2002).

We recommend, at least 20 minutes (year 5) and 30 mins (year 6) per day by using a 'free-reading' book either from school or home. Children know that they should record what they have read, in their yellow Reading Diary, and any extra tasks about their book, in their Reading Journal (currently kept at school but children are allowed to take home). Please continue to hear your child read, and encourage them to read independently too.

#### Bug Club:

Bug Club is an online library with books available, set by class teachers, appropriate for your child's reading age. Children can read a book and do comprehension questions by clicking on 'bugs' that appear in the text.

Log in details for Bug Club

www.activeleamprimary.co.uk/login

School Code: kpah

Your child's user name and password are enclosed.

# <u>Nessy</u>

Nessy is an online personalised spelling programme and children make <u>**best**</u> progress when used daily for 15/20 mins at a sitting.

www.learn.nessy.com/account/login

Secret word: glitzypatch

Then type in the name of your child.

# Spelling practise

As part of our new approach to teaching spellings, the children will not be tested on a weekly basis as they did previously. Instead, spelling is contained completely in school. The Jane Considine Spelling scheme is a fundamental overhaul of our spelling curriculum that is a rigorous, vibrant and valued intervention and links with our writing programme. We hope this will have a great impact: 'taught not caught' is the premise.

To support your child, please follow our daily reading recommendation above, of quality texts, so children are regularly exposed to vocabulary, that stretches, just a bit.