

The following points may help when working with your child.

*Happy people learn; don't insist - wait for a better time.*

1. Work with your child on their own, away from brothers and sisters, or at a different time. Their brothers and sisters may be coping better with their work and if your child is struggling they will not want them to see this.
2. Slowly build up the amount of work you expect your child to do;
  - 5 minutes at first
  - 10 minutes for another 3 days/a week
  - 15 minutes thereafter possibly building up to 20 minutes.

You can get more work done by doing **daily short sessions** rather than one long session  
e.g. 4 x 5 minutes, 3 x 10 minutes, 3 / 4 x 15 minutes, 4 x 20 minutes

3. **Praise** your child for **EVERY little item** they do well. "Well done, that's great," won't rock it as much as specifically praising their efforts. Tell them **what** impresses you.
  - "Excellent Prince George you have spelt [*say the word*] perfectly,"
  - "I am so proud of you for trying/completing [*say what*],"
  - "Well done Princess Charlotte I love how neatly you have written [*say what*],"
  - "This is an amazing effort, tell me how you did [*this bit*],"
  - "Wow! Super star, [*this bit*] is fantastic,"
  - "Prince Louis you have worked really hard today, I can see that you have tried your very best [*here*]"
4. Children need to be shown how, this gives them the confidence to have a go. Follow this sequence, repeating any step if needed.
  - a) Model what is expected from the task by doing an example **for** them
  - b) Do it **with** them
  - c) Let them try while you **support** them
  - d) **Watch** them do it by themselves
  - e) Only now let them do it unsupported but **check it with** them straight away
  - f) They should then have the **confidence** to try it by themselves
  - g) Please **revise it with** them the next day.
5. **Thinking about how** you learn **helps you** to **remember** what you are learning.  
Ask and talk about:-
  - How did I do this?
  - What was easy?
  - What was difficult?
  - What worked for me?
  - What didn't work for me?
  - What will help me next time?
  - How will I remember this?