**How to help your child in Year 3**

**Maths**

Maths in Year 3 has a big times tables focus. Quick recall of key times tables (3, 4 and 8 as well as the 2,5 and 10 from Year 2) are important. You can support your child at home by practising these times-tables regularly.

Another key area to support your child with is telling the time and giving them the opportunity to use money in real life contexts. Asking them questions such as how much change you need when shopping will help them with their reasoning skills in and out of class.

**Reading**

Reading is key this year and there are plenty of ways you can help at home. It is important to listen to your child read regularly and to ask questions about what they’re reading. This will encourage them to think deeply about their reading, whether they’re reading aloud or independently.

Reading to your child is important at this age too. Listening to your intonation helps children with their own expression, and also enhances their writing.

**Useful resources and websites**

* Oxford Owl – free eBooks to enjoy!
* Topmarks ‘Hit the Button’ – Great for times tables and number bond practise! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
* Recommended reading for Year 3 – attached

**Practise weekly spellings**

You can support your child at home by helping them to learn their all-important weekly spellings.

In Year 3, there is more emphasis on understanding and learning the spelling rules, as well as attention to prefixes and suffixes. Help your child use key spellings in sentences of their own so they are more confident using them.

**Homework**

Support your child in completing their homework each week. If they are unsure of something, go through it with them or encourage them to come and speak to me. Please let me know if they have found something tricky!

**Diversify**

Give your child access to as many different styles of writing as you can. This will assist with their reading fluency and expand their vocabulary and knowledge. This can include newspapers, short stories and non-fiction texts!