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Class 3 Homework

Just to clarify the homework for this year to let you all know the homework that will be set during the academic year, where to find it, how to submit it and what the expectations are.

Reading

Reading aloud at this stage in a child's learning is vital. The school expectation is that they read at least 4 times a week. This needs to be recorded by an adult in their reading record (less so for older, more confident and fluent readers). We understand that children do not always want to read their school book so we also welcome any notes of other books, comics etc that they have read. We check the books everyday and children will change them after they have been read. Occasionally, we might ask a child to read a book again, once for decoding and the second time for understanding, especially if they are unable to recall storylines.

Spellings

All children have been assessed on their spelling ability and based on this will be given weekly spellings. The children will write these in their spelling book every Monday morning. They will then bring this book home so that they can practise these at home for the week. The spelling book then needs to be back in the book bag on the Monday morning. This means they can then do the test at the back of this book and be given their new spellings. This will allow you to always see how your child has done and that their new spellings are kept in a safe place, providing that they have it in school on a Monday. Spellings will also be posted on Teams on the weekly Homework sheet.

Maths

The absolute priority for all of Class 3 is learning their times tables.

Each child has been issued with their own set of times table cards, to be used to help learn both school and at home, as such, please could they bring them in daily though if they choose to take them home.

This week, we are focusing on learning the 2x table. I know that some of the children will consider themselves totally secure already, if you feel they are, please feel free to identify a weaker times table, however, the short test will still be on the set times table.

When we learn a times table, we need to learn it in different ways.

Once you know it in the order it is written below, muddle it up and get someone to test you on it out of order. Step 3 is a little trickier, we also need to learn the inverse facts, for example, if I know that $6 \times 2 = 12$, I also know that $2 \times 6 = 12$, I also know that $12 \div 6 = 2$ and $12 \div 2 = 6$. We are looking for a recall time of ideally under 6 seconds for each fact.

We will focus on learning each time table for a total of 3 weeks.

Week 1- Step 1- learn it in order (you will be tested in order)

Week 2- Step 2- learn it out of order, muddled up (you will be tested with it muddled up)

Week 3- Step 3- learn the inverse facts (you will be tested on the inverse facts)



Your weekly tests will be completed in a times table practice book, so your parents will also be able to see how well you are doing. Each test will consist of 12 questions and you will be tested in the order above. For those of you who prefer, there is a times table grid below for practice, it does not need to be handed in each week for marking. However, it is important times table books are in school on a **Monday** each week. One great way to practise these is using the Times Table Rock Star app at home, which can be downloaded onto most devices. If your child has forgotten their details, please email me.

And finally,

Topic

Each term the class starts a new topic so in the first week of each term. The ideas sheet for choosing a task to complete will be sent home and uploaded to Teams for you to see. This contains a range of different activities that you can do with your child, you might pick one to do in detail (you have 6 weeks to complete this) or you might want to pick a couple of activities. homework is a way for parents to get involved with your child's learning and have a bit of fun. These activities are then due in the last week of term where children will have a show and tell type session where they can share their topic projects with the class. With topic homework there is no right or wrong way. We will always look to arrange a time when parents/carers will be able to come into school and celebrate and share all the hard work Class 3 have completed during the term.

I hope this helps and any questions please email us

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