



Class 3

Friday 9th September 2016

Homework books to be handed in on **Wednesday**. Homework set on **Thursday**.

Firstly, an apology if this week's homework seems like 'War and Peace'! I just want to ensure that everything is clearly laid out so that you can support your child when completing their homework. I promise, future homework instructions will not be this long! ☺ You may wish to keep this 'Homework Guide' as an aide memoire.

Now that the term is underway, please be assured that, as ever, expectations for attainment and progress will remain high. My focus for this first term is to ensure that core skills are secure in both English and Maths. This will be done through a balance of revision, consolidation and progression.

Over the next few weeks, we will develop a homework folder containing useful documents and resources to support your child with their work at home. For this week, as some of the children are still adjusting to the higher workload in class 3, there will be no formal homework set, other than learning spellings, time tables, practising handwriting and reading throughout the week.

Spellings and Handwriting

When completing handwriting practice, please use the below spellings. **Spellings will be tested on Mondays**. There will be 10 spellings to learn. You will be able to see how your child is doing as their weekly score will be written in their home-school records, as well as in their homework folder.

Handwriting: Letters sit on the line at a consistent size, with descenders neatly below the line and ascenders at a consistent height. Please encourage your child to form their letters from left to right and to join into the next letter. Numbers all start from the top. We are always on the lookout for pen licenses!

Spellings: prefixes (dis- and in-)

incomplete	incapable	incorrect	disagree	disappoint
invisible	independent	disapprove	disappear	dishonest

To aid the learning of these spellings, can I suggest the following process until the spelling is secure:

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Please encourage your child to explore other words in these groups if they are ready to be extended.

www.spellingcity.com is a super website is also available to help your child learn their spellings, as they can enter their weekly spellings and it will generate word searches and games etc.

Reading	20 minutes a day across a wide range of texts (stories, newspapers etc). Please do complete the reading record with your child, as these are checked in school along with their comprehension.
Maths	<p>This week, we have been looking at finding the differences between 3-digit numbers, making use of our number bonds to 100. In order to secure this, the children must first secure their number bonds to 100. Your child is able to access the Cave Commotion activity on Abacus to help with this (see attached for more guidance with this).</p> <p>Times Tables - weekly multiplication challenges will be completed every Friday!</p> <p>Here are three websites which are full of games that you can use to help your child learn their multiplication facts.</p> <p>www.maths-games.org/timestables.html www.transum.org/Tables/Times_Tables.asp www.transum.org/Software/Tablesmaster/</p> <p>When your child is secure with times tables, can I recommend that they further develop their mental recall skills by looking at www.conkermaths.org and clicking the link to their KIFS's (Key Instant Recall Facts).</p>

If there is anything else you would like your child to practise at home, please feel free to add it in their homework book! (eg - writing a recount from a trip, or a photograph of them practising a skill.)

We are also starting a class 'Wall of Fame'. This will be showcasing the children's achievements throughout the year, both in school and outside. Please do bring photographs and certificates etc. of anything your child is proud of (anything from a photograph of them playing in a football team, or winning a competition, or something which they have done particularly well, like making their own bed or using a knife and fork correctly - ANYTHING they are proud of!).

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me or drop me a note - I'm happy to help! Mr Cope
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Mr Cope

Class 3 teacher