

# Year Three Home Learning

#### Reading

Along with other reading activities, your child will read in a small guided group with a member of the Year 3 team once every week. This will be during one of our daily 'Book Talk' sessions. The books that the children use within these sessions will remain at school, however they will bring home a specific reading book that they should be sharing with you at home. These books will be carefully selected so that they are at an appropriate level for your child. These books will be changed every Friday.

It is expected that the children read and/or listen to you read (either their school reading book or a book of their choice) for at least 10-20 minutes on a daily basis to help to develop their enjoyment, fluency and comprehension skills. This reading must then be recorded in their Reading Records which should be brought into school each Monday to be reviewed.

## Spelling

All children will be taught spelling rules in class each week following the Nelson English spelling scheme. Attached you will find information on the rules that we intend to cover each week and a sample of the words the children will encounter as the expected standard for their age. The amount of words the children will learn may vary depending on the difficulty of the rule they are learning. The emphasis should be on their understanding of spelling rules and being able to apply the rules. Spelling lists for the children to learn will be put into a handwriting book so that as the children use the look-say-cover-write-check learning system, they can practise their handwriting by neatly writing out the given words. Handwriting within their spelling books must be completed in pencil to ensure that it is as neat as possible. Spelling tests will be completed in a separate spelling book.

#### Maths

We support the emphasis in the new National Curriculum for Maths that pupils become "fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics".

This highlights the importance of children knowing the key mathematical facts and methods and being able to recall them efficiently, and supports their progress in maths, enabling them to apply their knowledge to rapidly and accurately solve problems.

In order to support your child's learning and help them to develop their rapid recall skills, each half term we will have a particular focus area. For the first half of the Spring term we would like the children to revise the 3 times tables so that they are able to recall them instantly and in any order. After half term we will continue to work on these times tables but the focus will be on the associated division facts. Every week there will be an instant recall check to help us to gauge how well the children are progressing. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping and encouraging your child to practise their times tables as often as possible at home. Regular homework will be set on Times Table Rockstars.

### Topic Task

Be as creative as you like. Show us what you have learned by making, writing, drawing or using technology.

**Spring 1 Topics:** History - The Romans, Science - Light This will be shared in class on Friday 1st March 2019.

**Spring 2 Topics:** Geography - All About Towcester, Science - Plants This will be shared in class on Friday 26th April 2019.