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Dear Parents,

Re: Spelling and Maths Homework

In the Junior school, we set maths and spelling homework **every** Tuesday (except for the final Tuesday in each term). The children have one week to complete the tasks and the home-learning needs to be returned to school **on the following Tuesday**. We award housepoints for effort in completing the homework.

We will have a spelling test every Tuesday. In the past, children have told us that by writing out their spelling words at home on post-it notes, or in different colours, or even in bath crayons on the tiles in the bathroom has helped them to learn the spellings. Writing out the word multiple times in a minute can also help with muscle memory and fluency in the correct spelling of a word. Basically, anything that makes the learning the spellings fun is worth doing.

Today, your child has been set some spelling and maths homework. Both the spelling and maths homework is chosen to complement the work currently being taught in class. **We would expect the children to spend between 30 – 60 minutes on each piece of homework throughout the week.**

Spelling homework is sent home as a worksheet and will comprise a range of activities; for example, the children may be given a list of words to learn; some text to correct; some spelling puzzles or a spelling investigation.

Maths homework is an 'online' activity. If your child does not have access to the Internet, please let us know and we can arrange for the work to be completed at school. In Term 1, our maths homework focus is to learn the multiplication facts for the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, and then the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The website we recommend is <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> Additionally, your child will sometimes bring home mental-maths worksheets to help with the recall of multiplication facts and number-bonds.

Your child will maximize their learning if they complete the homework with you. Discussion about the tasks is crucial to mastering the learning. We would be grateful if you would sign the completed spelling homework each week.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 3 teachers

