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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Years 1,2 and 3,

On Friday, we will be setting the children their first homework for the term.

English Homework will be set on MS Teams (with additional reading on Oxford Owl for Year 1 and some Year 2 children).

Maths Homework will be set on Numbots or TTRS.

You should now have received your username and password for MS Teams as well as a log in for Numbots/ TTRS

### **Maths Homework**

For the first half term, we will be aiming to improve the children's mental mathematics. We will be trialling using Numbots (Years 1 and 2) and Timetables Rock Stars (TTRS) instead of setting written maths homework. We would like the children to spend 10 minutes a day at least on TTRS in Garage Mode (Year 2 and 3) or on Numbots in Story Mode (Year 1 and 2). Children in Year 2 may use either programme, depending on what you feel is appropriate. We will be monitoring the use of these. As the term progresses, the teams will begin to set Battles to add a competitive element.

In addition, we will be posting a challenge of the week for all year groups on MS Teams. This is an optional task, which the children to not need to submit but may wish to share with their class teachers.

### **English Homework**

**Year 1:** Children will be assigned a series of phonics videos to watch. These will come to you as a link on your child's team's account. They will need to watch the videos for their phonics group only. There is no need for you to submit the work they have done but we will be monitoring which children are accessing this on a weekly basis.

**Year 2:** Children in any of the RWInc phonics group or Miss O'Connell's spelling group will be set videos in the same way. Children in both Miss O'Connell and Mrs Robinson's spelling groups will come home with a Spelling Log Book. They will need to learn the spellings contained within this book on a weekly basis.

In addition, all Year 1 Children, and any Year 2 children accessing the RWInc phonics scheme, will be assigned books to read on Oxford Owl (you will receive a separate letter about this, containing your log in).

**Year 3:** Spelling homework will be a list of words which contain letter patterns that the children are more unfamiliar with (e.g. ai making an 'e' sound in said). These are known as common exception words. The lists will be made up of some 'new' words and some words which the children have practised before. They may also contain 'challenge' words, which are taken from topic areas the children are learning about. These spellings will be tested weekly. You do not need to submit any written evidence of learning these words.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your class teacher if you have any questions about any of the above.

Best Wishes,

Jess Scott and the Year 1/2/3 Tea

