



Daily and Extended Homework

Daily Homework	
Reading	Reading nightly, with a comment in the journal. A bookmark has also been issued which contains questions for parents to support children with their reading.
Writing	Spellings have already been issued for this half term. These are the recommended spellings for lower Key Stage 2. Children should visit these regularly as they will be tested on these at the end of this half term.
Mathematics	Learn times tables and related division facts in and out of order and at speed. Children should visit these for short periods daily. This can be a fun game with yourselves, a game on a laptop or tablet or learning them by writing them down. The children are tested on these in class weekly.

As part of our theme this half term Class 3 have agreed the challenge to complete more Extended Homework!

This is their chance to show off their individual styles and approaches to learning and presenting their work. The work last term was amazing and as a school we all enjoyed sharing our successes by visiting each class. I was particularly proud of all the work from Class 3 and the children should be proud of their achievements.

The table below outlines the Extended Homework for this half term:

Extended Homework

You only need to complete ONE activity:

Plan a railway journey in the UK	Make a train using a range of materials.	Create a fact file
Investigate railways in the UK and plan a journey to somewhere exciting, Focus on timetables and how you can get to your destination.	Investigate types of trains throughout the years and make one of them.	Investigate trains – which is the fastest? Which is the oldest? Which journey is the longest? How many cups of tea are drunk on one journey? Think of your own questions and answer them.

- ✓ The class has decided this work should have a minimum 3 week deadline.
- ✓ Therefore, all Extended Homework will be due in on Friday 20th May 2016.
- ✓ The children agreed work should include:

-Your best work	-Work on the computer. (This can be research.)
-Things you've learnt at home	

The Parents' Role in Extended Homework

DO	DON'T
Know what they are learning about	Talk about how 'homework was different in your day'
Listen to them read every day	Multitask as you listen
Ask them questions so that they expand their thinking about the challenge e.g. What...? When...? Where...? Why...? Who...? How...?	Show off your knowledge about the subject matter
Give them varied experiences so that they can choose different ways of achieving the task	Make it all about expense (sometimes the cheapest ideas are the best)
Be willing to support their activity by listening to their ideas and suggesting ways forward	Complete it for them
	Ignore the things they can't do – instead help them to find a way of overcoming the obstacle for themselves

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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