



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers

We have had a wonderful first week together and it has been wonderful to get to know everybody even more. I have had several enquiries from children about homework so not wanting to disappoint, this letter should set out some of the after school expectations for year 3.

Reading

I must start by saying as we are at the very beginning of the year, the main expectation is for children to read aloud for 10 minutes every day. They will be provided with a homework diary where reading opportunities can be recorded and I will check at the start of each week that the previous week has been signed off by someone at home. To make this whole experience more interesting and enjoyable for all involved, a Reading Bingo grid will be stuck into the inside cover of each child's homework diary.

Reading Bingo is a list of suggested ways/ places that children can enjoy reading their stories. Whether it be under a duvet with a torch, a book based on a true story or even a recipe to cook from. Each time an activity has been completed it can be signed off. Certificates will be awarded at each of the milestones below

- Bronze (6 completed)
- Silver (12 completed)
- Gold (Full house!)

The reading guidance attached, along with a handy prompt book mark, can be used to aid questioning your child when they read aloud to you and it offers a few tips and links to the curriculum.

Maths

A letter with information about Times Table Rockstars will be sent home shortly, after we have practised using the site in class. This is an online game that allows children to practise their times tables in a more enjoyable and interactive way. It can simply be used as a great way to practise a key mathematical skill.

If you have any questions about your child's learning at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can pop in to school at drop off or collection to arrange a convenient time to meet, or contact me via an email to the school office. (office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Curley

