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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

You will have seen that your child has come home with a pink homework book. Inside you will see a sheet with a range of activities on it. Your child is encouraged to complete one of these activities per week. In addition to this, we ask that children read to you at least three times a week and practise their mental maths and spellings. Mental maths can be practising times tables, working out the change in a shop, adding up money, ages, working out the difference between the youngest and oldest member of the family, telling the time, shape spotting; the possibilities are endless. If you are stuck for ideas, please feel free to ask your class teacher.

Following a whole school review, we will now be assessing the children on a Monday on the previous week's spellings. This is to allow the teacher to monitor progress made, and if necessary put in place support for your child.

There is a grid just inside the cover of the homework books where you can record these activities; a simple signature and date is adequate. We ask that the children bring the homework book into school on a **Wednesday**. The book will be returned to them on a **Friday** along with any letters going home.

Any homework that is handed in will be rewarded with housepoints. The more homework instances, the more housepoints your child will receive. There will be no repercussions for those who do not complete the homework, but hopefully each child will want to earn as many housepoints as possible.

If you have read the above and are asking yourself how this might work in your household, please remember that you know your child best. If sitting your child down to work on the 3 times table is going to cause undue stress, keep it to verbal practice. As and when is better than none at all. If your child prefers you to read to them, please do so. You can include them by discussing the illustrations together or asking them questions about the extract you have just read. Feel free to bend this model to suit you and your family.

If in doubt, please ask your child's teacher. We want them to reach their full potential and a good school/home relationship is imperative to this.

Yours sincerely
The Year 3 Team