



THE RADSTONE  
Primary School

# YEAR THREE HOME LEARNING

## Reading

Along with other reading activities, your child will take part in weekly 'Book Talk' guided reading sessions led by a member of the Year 3 team. Within these sessions the children read aloud in small groups, with a comprehension focus. The banded books that the children use within these sessions will be brought home to share with you. These books will be carefully selected so that they are at an appropriate level for your child. You will be informed which day your child will take part in a 'Book Talk' guided reading session. Old books should be returned on this day before new books will be issued.

In addition to their reading at school it is expected that the children read and/or listen to you read for at least 10-20 minutes on a daily basis to help to develop their enjoyment, fluency and comprehension skills. If you are looking for books to read, please see the suggested reading list on the Year 3 web page which has been designed specifically for children in Lower Key Stage 2.

## Spelling

This year, we will continue to follow the **Read, Write, Inc.** spelling programme for those who have completed the phonics programme. This has been designed to raise the confidence and ability of all children to reach the highest standards when writing. In order to improve the retention of this complex system of spelling patterns, there are 3 weekly lessons, and therefore there will not be a list of spellings sent home for children to learn for a weekly test. A 'Spelling Overview' can be found on the Year 3 web page and this will show you which spelling rules or patterns will be covered throughout the year. There are also the National Curriculum exception words available here.

## Maths

We support the emphasis in the new National Curriculum for Maths that pupils become "fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics". This highlights the importance of children knowing the key mathematical facts and methods, and being able to recall them efficiently, in turn supporting their progress in maths, and enabling them to apply their knowledge to rapidly and accurately solve problems.

In order to support your child's learning and help them to develop their rapid recall skills, each half term we will have a particular focus area. For the majority of the autumn term we would like the children to revise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables so that they are able to recall them instantly, in any order and their associated division facts. Towards Christmas we begin to work on our recall of 3, 4 and 8 times table facts. There will be regular instant recall checks to help us to gauge how well the children are progressing. We would also greatly appreciate your support in helping and encouraging your child to practise their times tables as often as possible on Times Table Rockstars. We request that your child completes 5 minutes each school day/25 minutes a week to make the most of this fantastic resource. Further information regarding Times Table Rockstars will be shortly posted on 'Class Story' on Class Dojo, and login details will be shared with all children.



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## Topic Task

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Be as creative as you like. Show us what you have learned by making, writing, drawing or using technology.

**Autumn 1 Topic:** History - The Stone Age to the Iron Age, Science - Forces and Magnets

This will be shared in class on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Autumn 2 Topic:** Geography – Villages, Towns and Cities, Science - Animals Including Humans (human and animal diets, nutrition and skeletons)

This will be shared in class on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.