



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Home Learning in Years 3, 4 and 5

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Years 3, 4 and 5,

From the Spring term, there will be some changes to home learning in Years 3, 4 and 5. We have made these changes to ensure that home learning is in line with our school's curriculum intent, specifically that children develop an understanding of the process of learning, be reflective and have the confidence to experiment, investigate and explore. Research shows that home learning has a positive impact where it allows children to practise and consolidate skills or to undertake independent inquiry. All supporting documents can be found on [individual year group pages on the Kilmorie website](#), in the 'Home Learning' section.

Home Learning in Years 3, 4 and 5 will consist of the following:

- **Reading at home:** Nothing has changed; children are expected to read or spend time discussing their reading at home for at least 20 minutes, 5 times a week. As they become more fluent readers, they do not always need to read out loud, but they should discuss their reading with an adult and check unfamiliar words.
- **Spelling home learning:** Children are expected to learn 5 words each week linked to their current spelling focus, which will then be used in a dictation in class on Fridays, after which they will get the next week's spellings. In addition, two words will be set as 'focus' words from the statutory spellings word list for the relevant year group. These will also be focus words in class for the week; they will not be tested. Children will bring home a spelling book containing their week's spellings. This is intended to consolidate work done in class on spelling patterns and common exception ('tricky') words.  
**The children in each year group who have been given their own set of high frequency words to work on at home will not need to learn the weekly spellings in addition to these.**
- **Maths home learning:** This is to work on the basic maths skills specific to your child's year group. Details about these basic skills are available on each year group page on the Kilmorie website and include resources and suggested activities. There is no weekly work to be handed in, but the expectation is that children will continue to practise the key skills for their year group at home, as and when this works for your family. One of the most important skills children need to practise at home is fluency with their times tables and all children have a TTRockstars account to facilitate this. Log in details will be stuck in the back of their spelling books either this week or next. A useful parent guide to TT Rockstars can be found on your child's page on the Kilmorie website.
- **Topic projects or activities** linked to the current topic in class are suggested on the website at the beginning of each half term. These are optional home learning activities which are designed to stimulate a creative or research-based approach to the topic, to enrich your child's understanding.

Working together is important for your child's success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support with you child(ren)'s learning.

Kind regards,  
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