



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Spelling

Children will be given a spelling list of 10 words each week on Wednesday, which they will be required to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Wednesday before receiving their new list. We will write the new lists in to contact books each Wednesday. We will also post the list on Class Dojo.

Reading

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer program that helps teachers to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. It has been a very successful programme that we have been using at St Stephen's for a while now. It encourages a love of reading, allows children to access a variety of texts and ensures the children understand what they are reading with a small follow up quiz. You can quiz in school or at home. In Year 3, the children are required to read for at least 10 minutes each day. Your child will be allocated an appropriate reading book, which they will bring home each day. You can document your child's reading in their contact book.

Times Tables

This term, we are encouraging all Year 3 pupils to regularly use TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) to support their multiplication fluency. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to confidently recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, building a strong foundation for future maths learning. TTRS helps make this practice engaging and consistent, which is key to success. Pupils will also be working on completing their heat maps, which show which multiplication facts they know well and which need more practice. The aim is to turn all areas of the heat map "green," demonstrating quick and accurate recall of all facts. Regular practice at home, even for a few minutes each day, will make a big difference. You can see the heatmap under the 'Garage' mode.

Reminders

Equipment: children should have equipment to support their learning. This includes: pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler and glue stick. Please name items.

Water bottles: Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle.

Uniform: Please name items of clothing. The correct school uniform should be worn every day. Hoodies and jumpers with slogans are not part of our school uniform. Please go to the Office if you need anything.

Morning snacks: Free fruit is provided for children on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating. At playtime, we kindly ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables. Items such as cookies, crisps and other sugary snacks should not be brought into school for a break time snack. If a child does not have a snack, fruit will be offered to ensure everyone has a healthy option.

PE DAYS:

Tuesday: PE Kit

Friday: PE Kit

Dates for the diary

Monday 27th April and Tuesday 28th April – parents evening

Wednesday 6th May – Koala Class assembly