

Helping Your Child at Home

We value the support you can give your child at home. **It really makes a difference!** Here are a few reminders about some of the many ways you can support your child's learning.

Reading:

At Cranford Park Academy we believe that reading is very important to children's learning, it will help them to develop language skills, learn new vocabulary and support them in their own writing. We have new reading records this year with helpful words and tips to support your child's reading even further. It is very important that your children read at home every-day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what they have read. We ask that the children write a detailed comment in their reading record about what they have read daily, which is part of their homework. Remember that reading can be any genre-newspapers, magazines or comics to name a few. Each class has set up a Reading Race Display. Certificates and prizes are given to our top readers for reading daily. We will also be using a new computer programme called Accelerated Reader, which provides an approximate measure of each students' reading level and determines the range of books they can read. More information regarding this will be shared at the reading **How to Help** session.

Spellings:

Spellings this year will be slightly different as we begin a new whole school initiative to improve children's retention of the spelling words. Your child will receive a list of up to 50 words. These are the spellings which children will need to learn over the **whole term**. Each week the children will be tested on 10 words from the list of 50, there will not be a specific order in which the words are tested. Please be aware that in the first few tests the children may not get very high marks as they are not used to the new system, however towards the end of the half term children's marks will have improved and they are more likely to remember the spellings of all 50 words. Spellings tests will be every **Tuesday**. All children must bring in their spelling book on this day.

Homework:

Homework in Year 3 is extremely important and it is essential the children complete their given work. The homework is set each **Friday** and due back on **Wednesday**. (If your child wishes to return their homework earlier that would be great).

The majority of the maths homework will be online at MyMaths. Your children will receive a letter with a login name and instructions on how to use it.

Any children who do not complete their homework will receive a homework detention during lunch on Thursdays. Additionally, if the homework is not finished to a high standard, they will receive a homework detention to redo their assignments.

Important Dates:

Monday 16th September – How to Help with Reading at 9am.

Thursday 7th November – How to Help with Maths at 9am.

Thursday 14th November – Year 3 trip to the London Science Museum.

General reminders

Thank you for your continued support! If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We look forward to working with you and having a successful, exciting year!

Best wishes,
Year 3 team

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