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Dear Class 1 Parents

Class 1 Homework

Spellings:

Children are given a spelling or sound book containing the spelling list or sounds they are working on in school. New spellings or sounds will be given weekly and children are asked to practise them as often as possible at home. A few minutes practice several times a week is recommended. If your child has sounds to practice make it interesting by playing games such as "I spy", search for the sound in reading books or any other print in the environment. They are continually assessed through weekly tests, dictation and handwriting activities so please ensure sounds and spellings are learnt.

Reading:

Children have a reading book in their book bag at all times and it is expected that your child will read this at home daily. It is important that you take time to discuss the book with your child to ensure they are developing comprehension skills alongside decoding skills. The benefits of reading to your child is well documented and we recommend a nightly bedtime story.

Maths:

Please play games at home that use dice or other number skills such as monopoly or top trumps. There are also some good online games for maths on topmarks. Hit the Button is a favourite. At Oakridge we operate a weekly "99 Club" which is a scheme to help children increase speed and confidence when tackling mental maths problems without relying on written workings and methods. You will be sent home an example copy of your child's current level in order to undertake practice at home. A few minutes practice several times a week is recommended.

Knowledge Organiser:

Do take time to read the Knowledge Organiser for your child's class as you may have things at home that link with our termly theme that can be shared with your child. Subsequently perhaps your child could share with the class. We always welcome your support with our themes and if you feel you are able to contribute resources or information please let us know so you can share with the class yourself!

Many thanks,

Mrs Hayes & Mrs Holburn