



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

**work together, play together
learn together ... shine!
"let your light shine" ~ Matthew 5:16**

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Dear Parents

Year 1 homework – spellings and mental maths

Every week your child will be given spellings and a mental maths target to practise at home. The spellings are high frequency words that Year 1 children should recognise and be able to spell by the end of year 1. We suggest to practise these at home using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. Each mental maths target lasts for 2 weeks – the calculations are the same in week 2 but in a different order. You will see that one column is to be left blank for testing in school. A number line is provided to help so that your child grasps the concept of adding by jumping one space forwards and taking away by jumping one space back. The calculations are intended to become automatic through consistent and repetitive practice.

Other maths games you could play at home with your child to support numeracy skills development are given below.

Activities with number cards

- Give your child some number cards from 0 – 10. Say or show a number – they have to find and show the matching one from their number pack. You can extend this over time by showing them a number and they have to show you the number that will go with it to add to 10.
- Ask your child to show you one more or one less than the number you are showing using their number cards.
- Mix up, ask your child to put in order forwards and backwards.
- Show a number card and ask your child to find that number of objects.
- Practise counting with one to one correspondence.
- Hide the number cards around the room and ask your child to find the number and organise all the found numbers into a number line.

Using the Number line:

- Use to support counting to 20, number recognition and number order.
- Cover a number and ask what comes next on the number line/what comes before.

Number formation

- The key is to practise writing numerals frequently to really embed correct number orientation.

Memory games and number games are also helpful, such as Kim's Game and also matching games like Snap! and number games eg. dominoes.

We hope this is helpful but do let us know if there is anything else you would like to know.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff

