



Year 3 Homework Letter  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

English

This week, we have been learning to use alternate words for 'said' to up level and make our dialogue sound more interesting. For example, rather than "Come and look at my new goldfish" said Tom, they could try "Come and look at my new goldfish!" exclaimed Tom. We have summarised the main events in the story which enabled us to practise our skills at writing clearly and concisely. Then we identified the features needed for a successful playscript and practised writing our own playscript.

Maths

This week, we have been learning how to subtract two and three digit numbers. First, we subtracted two numbers using the 'number line method'. Then we some of us learnt to use the 'expanded written method' to subtract and some of us used the 'formal column method' to subtract. Please see examples of the 'expanded written method' and 'formal column method' if you would like to practise with your child:

Expanded written method

$$\begin{array}{r} 534 - 265 = 269 \\ \begin{array}{r} 400 \quad 120 \quad 14 \\ 500 + 30 + 4 \\ 200 + 60 + 5 \\ \hline 200 + 60 + 9 = 269 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Formal column method

$$\begin{array}{r} 6712 \\ 56 - \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$$

Homework

Please make sure homework comes in by Wednesday.

1. Maths - please find the Mathletics work set on the children's logins and practise times tables, especially 3, 4 and 5.
2. Spelling - please practise writing the spellings for Term 2, week 3 in the boxes on the practise sheet. The challenge word for week 3 is **oracle**. Please practise spelling the challenge word in the last boxes of your practise sheets. Additionally, some children will have the bonus challenge words on an extra sheet of paper.
3. Reading - please continue to read frequently with your child at home and keep reading logs and books in book bags.
4. Please ensure your child practises the class poem ('The 20a bus' by Rachel Rooney).

Dates to Remember

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Chinese workshop day for Years 3 and 4. Please could children dress in a Chinese style costume for the day and bring long scarves for use in a Chinese dance.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** PTFA disco (5:15pm-6:15pm) for Years 3-6

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** 9am - Year 3 Class Collective Worship. If you would like to attend this, you are very welcome.

**20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Parents' Evening

**28<sup>th</sup> March:** Christchurch Easter service (9:30am)

I hope you have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Cook

# The 20a Bus

by Rachel Rooney

In the line you hear a chatter.  
Up and down a clatter, clatter.  
Noisy schoolgirls scream and shout,  
pushing in and pushing out.

Down the street the red bus trundles.  
Girls surge forward all in bundles.  
On at last, but what a rush,  
banged my elbows in the crush.

*I don't know what it's coming to!*  
said the lady with big buttons, who  
had a habit to pursue  
the trivial things young children do.

And when the bus stops in the street  
I kick her underneath the seat.  
And when the lady stops her chat  
I pull the cherries from her hat.