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Dear Parents,

Isis Class have settled quickly into the new school year and we are now ready to introduce homework for the autumn term. This week, we will be giving spellings and times tables practice for homework, and next week we will give children a homework project menu. We are writing to let you know more about what these activities involve.

Spellings

Each week in school we will focus on a different spelling rule and do some activities on it. On Fridays, your child will bring home, in their homework book, a list of 10 words to learn, based either on the rule they are learning in school, or a list of words that will be helpful to them in their written work. Please support your child in practising their spellings, ready for a test on the following Friday. There are many ways to practise spellings, and a list of suggested activities is in your child's homework book. We will not mark children's spelling practice, but we always like to see what they have done. After each spelling test, children will record their score at the top of the list of words.

As well as learning spelling rules, children will be learning the list of Year 3-4 statutory spellings from the National Curriculum. In school, the children are learning the statutory spellings during handwriting lessons. A list of the statutory spellings that we are covering this half term is in your child's homework book. Once every half term, we will test children on these statutory spellings, so we ask you to help your child practise a few of them each week.

Times tables

Understanding and learning the times tables is an important part of the maths curriculum in Years 3 and 4, and it is the basis for lots of the maths learning that the children will be doing throughout Keystage 2. By the end of Year 4, we hope that children will be able to answer questions quickly from the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

We use the website TT Rockstars for children's times table practice. Each week from today, a fifteen-minute session will be set on the Garage activity. These fifteen minutes can be completed all at once or over several days. Children are also welcome to explore other parts of the website at home. Teachers can see children's progress on the assigned Garage session, and merits will be given to award their efforts! Your child's login information is in their orange homework book.

Homework menu

Next week, children will be bringing a homework "menu", with a choice of creative or literacy activities to complete. These are all based on our class topic: from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10

The “spice level” of each activity suggests the level of challenge it offers. Children should complete a minimum of 6 chillies! On Thursday 1st December, we will ask children to bring their work into school for a class sharing celebration. We are looking forward to seeing what children come up with!

Reading

The children are enthusiastic readers and it is great to see their love of books. To build on this, we will be awarding merits to children who remember to ask an adult at home to sign their yellow home/ school reading diary regularly! Please could you continue to note in the book when your child has read to you – or if your child has read independently, and then talked with you about what they have read.

We are very fortunate to have a parent reading volunteer, but we always welcome more helpers, if you could spare an hour or so each week to listen to children!

Children will need their:

- **Reading book and home/school reading record in school daily**
- **Orange homework book in school on Fridays**

As always, please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your support.

Anne Quigley and Mark Wolstenholme