

Half term homework: I am sending home four pieces of homework for half term that will need to be completed by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Those of you that came to the Parents' Evenings will already have been given word lists and a sheet of the eight main word groups. Those of you that will be attending after half term will receive these sheets today. I would like to go over what I want you to do with them.

Word lists: There are two lists: the year 3/4 list and the year 5/6 list. The pupils in groups A and B are not expected to be able to spell the words but pupils in groups C and D should be able to spell as many year 3/4 words as possible; and group E are learning the year 5/6 words for spelling tests.

However, I would like **all** pupils to know the meaning of these words so they can use them in their writing. Therefore, any words they don't know the meaning of they need to look up in a dictionary.

Word group list: The pupils need to learn the names of the eight word groups. (There is a harder sheet that I will give out to some pupils next half term.)

Reading: The pupils will be going home with new Homework Log / Diaries. They **MUST** read every day and get their book signed by an adult.

Times tables: The pupils have all been given a copy of time tables sheets to practise.

Maths: I would like you to use the grid sheets to help you convert other measurement amounts. You can do this by playing the following games:

Pairs: (This game is also good for memory.) I suggest you start by copying each measurement onto its own card rather than cutting up the amounts - especially if you want to play the Bingo game.

Then lay out all the cards in a rectangle.

Take turns for each player to turn over two cards: if they are a match – that is, they convert to the same amount then that player gets to keep that pair; if they do not convert then the cards must be replaced exactly in the space they were taken from.

When all pairs have been found, the winner will be the player with the most pairs.

Bingo: You need more than two players. The caller keeps one card, the players on their own piece of paper write **six** measurements from the other card.

The caller then calls out the measurements from his/her card; the players must convert them and can cross off that measurement if they have it on their piece of paper. The first person to cross off their measurements shouts 'Bingo' and wins.

Snap: You need two players for this game. A 'snap' would be a pair of measurements that are equivalent to each other.

E.g.  $100\text{g} = 0.1\text{kg}$  would be a 'pair' or a match in Bingo and Snap.