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Home Learning at Bessemer

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to Bessemer! I am writing to update you on the home learning opportunities that we provide for your children.

Maths Rockets

During the summer, I have updated the Maths Rockets scheme. Your child will shortly receive a new and more comprehensive Maths Rocket sheet that highlights the key National Curriculum objectives for mental maths that your child will be taught in school. There are now six rocket cards that are pitched at the expected standard for each year group from Year 1 through to Year 6. All children will be given the Maths Rocket of the year group that they are in **unless** they are working below age-related expectations, where they will be given a Maths Rocket that will be pitched at their maths level.

Each week, your child's maths teacher will inform them of which objective they will be learning in school and will additionally need to practise at home as their homework. Every Friday, your child will be given 10 questions to answer in relation to this objective, with a child needing to get all questions correct to have achieved that objective. Once they have completed all of the objectives in a 'step' they will receive a certificate, which is presented during Rewards Assembly, and a prize.

If your child is in Year 6, they will complete written arithmetic objectives as opposed to mental arithmetic ones.

Mathletics

All children at Bessemer have access to Mathletics, which they can use both in school and at home. Mathletics provides interactive and engaging resources that support your child's learning in line with the expectations of the National Curriculum for Maths, ranging from number, shape, measure and data handling. All children have their own individual logins and passwords for the program which will be provided by your child's maths teacher within the next week or so. We encourage the use of Mathletics at home to provide a fun and stimulating way of reinforcing the learning in maths that takes place in school.

Rocket Card Year 1

LIFT OFF!		
Captain <small>Mixed tests for all steps</small>		
Chief Navigator <small>Mixed steps 1-3</small>	Pilot <small>Mixed steps 4-6</small>	First Mate <small>Mixed steps 7-9</small>
Step 9 a) Say the number that comes between two numbers within 100 (i.e. what number comes between 85 and 87?) b) Halve even numbers to 20 (i.e. what is half of 18?) c) Count in twos, fives and tens to the 10 th multiple, forwards and backwards (i.e. 25, 20, 15...)		
Step 8 a) Given a number identify the number that is 1 more or less within 100 (i.e. what is 1 more than 56?) b) Recognise odd and even numbers within 20 (i.e. is 12 odd or even?) c) Recall the months of the year in order		
Step 7 a) Recall number bonds and related addition and subtraction facts to 20 (i.e. 17+3, 20-4 etc.) b) Identify the position of a group of numbers/objects using ordinal numbers to ten (i.e. first, second etc.) c) Halve even numbers to 10 (i.e. what is half of 8?)		
Step 6 a) Recognise numbers to 20 written in words b) Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number (i.e. count in 1's forwards from 87) c) Say the number that comes between two numbers within 50 (i.e. what number comes between 20 and 22?)		
Step 5 a) Count forwards and backwards in fives to the 10 th multiple (i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20...) b) Given a number identify the number that is 1 more or less within 50 (i.e. what is 1 less than 34?) c) Double numbers and quantities to 10 (i.e. double 7)		
Step 4 a) Count forwards and backward to at least 50 in ones, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number (i.e. continue the sequence: 35, 36, 37...) b) Count forwards and backwards in twos to the 10th multiple (i.e. 2, 4, 6, 8...) c) Count forwards and backwards in tens to the 10th multiple (i.e. 10, 20, 30...)		
Step 3 a) Recall number bonds and related addition and subtraction facts to ten and within 10 (i.e. 6+4, 10-3 etc.) b) Count in multiples of two from 0 to 20 forwards and backwards (i.e. 18, 16, 14, 12 etc.) c) Recall the days of the week in order and say which day comes after a given day		
Step 2 a) Read and write numbers from 1-20 in numerals b) Given a number identify the number that is 1 more or less within 20 (i.e. what is 1 less than 12?) c) Double numbers and quantities/sets of objects to at least 5 + 5		
Step 1 a) Count forwards and backwards in ones to at least 20 beginning from 0 or 1 or any given number b) Read and write numbers from 1-10 in numerals c) Given a number identify the number that is 1 more or less within 10 (i.e. what is 1 more than 7?)		

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Reading Eggs

All children at Bessemer also have access to Reading Eggs, which they can use both in school and at home. Reading Eggs provides a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts that the children can select from an online library. They are then challenged with comprehension questions that increase in difficulty as the texts become more complex. Additionally, it encourages reading for pleasure as the children can select texts that are appropriate to their interests. All children have their own individual logins and passwords for the program which will be provided by your child's class teacher within the next week or so. We encourage the use of Reading Eggs at home to further support the enjoyment associated with reading and the development of your child's reading comprehension skills.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs can both be found by typing into the Google search bar.

Letter-join

Letter-join is the handwriting scheme that we use in school. We have a parent subscription where you can watch online tutorials of how letters and words are formed through the scheme, complete pre-set activities and create your own worksheets. In school, we often link our handwriting to the spellings and sounds that we are learning. If using a tablet device, children can learn to use their fingers to practise forming letters.

www.letterjoin.co.uk

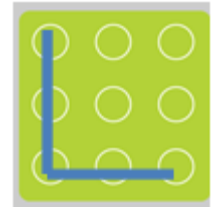
Letter-join 

If using Letter-join on a tablet device, you will need to use the following details:

Username: bessemer

Swipe code: a capital 'L' shape starting at the top left

Click on where it says 'Tablet login' first.



If using Letter-join on a computer, you will need to use the following details:

Username: bessemer

Password: grange

Please note: Letter-join recommends that you use Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari for the best compatibility.

Curriculum Visions

Curriculum Visions is an interactive program with a range of resources and texts for learning across the National Curriculum, ranging from the topic of 'Space' in science to 'Ancient Greece' in history. It can be found by typing into the Google search bar.

Use the following login and then click on 'Home Screen' to access the resources that we have subscribed to. Please note that some of the resources may be restricted for home use, but I am sure that you will find a range of interesting resources for you to use.

Username: bessemer.grange/0001

Password: jungle

I hope that you find the home subscriptions useful in supporting your child's learning. If you have any further questions or queries, then do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support!

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