



# St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

*work together, play together  
learn together ... shine!*

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Dear Gold Base Parents,

Welcome back. We have been delighted with the way the children have settled into Gold Base and are already showing a fantastic attitude towards their learning. I hope that your child/children have already shared their school news with you but would like to take the opportunity to clarify a few of the Gold Base routines.

## Timetable

All pupils have a timetable in their homework diary. It is worth noting that our timetabled days for PE are Wednesday with Mr Salisbury and Friday with Mrs Westerman-Loe. A reminder that all kit should be named and in school every day to allow flexibility in the timetable if needed. As the cold weather approaches, please ensure your child has a warm trousers and long sleeved top for outside games on Wednesdays.

## Homework

Pupils will regularly receive homework. As a general rule, the following timetable will be used:

	Homework given	Homework collected
<b>Monday</b>	-	• Maths (week 2)
<b>Tuesday</b>	• Maths (week 1) • Mental Maths (sheet in folder)	• Mental Maths Test
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	• English (week 1)
<b>Thursday</b>	• English (week 2) • Spelling (sheet in folder)	• Spelling Test
<b>Friday</b>	-	-

Children will receive mental maths and spelling each week. Maths and English will be set on alternate weeks. Please note that for year 6 children, in the spring term, there may be additional ten minute homeworks as we approach SATS.

The expectation is that the English and Maths tasks should take approximately forty minutes each. If your child is dramatically exceeding this then you may wish to advise them to stop. We strongly recommend that pupils practise mental maths and spellings every day to maximise success. Pupils are advised to read regularly, at least three times a week. Reading is still vital at this age, whilst some pupils may need more encouragement than others it would be helpful if you could support your child to read often at home. Please record reading in homework diaries on the day that you have heard your child read.

## Homework Diaries

To aid with home-school communication pupils continue to have homework diaries to record homework, letters and other important information. We kindly ask that parents ensure they see and sign these at least once a week so we know that you have received messages. We will collect these in on Wednesdays for reading and signing.

**Golden Time**

In Gold Base the children have been given a target to collect twelve 'marbles' a week to earn their golden time. This will be recorded in your child's homework diary. Each week there are 3 'jars' on the page to fill with 'marbles.' Each jar will equate to ten minutes of golden time so children are able to earn up to thirty minutes throughout the week. Children will be awarded marbles when they are seen to be following our golden rules. Golden time will take place on Friday afternoon before achievement assembly.

**Snack/Water Bottle**

It is a long time until lunch time so we ensure we have an allocated snack time each day. Snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable and needs to be in a named container. All pupils also need a named bottle of water which they will be able to access throughout the day.

Attached to this letter is our topic web for the term; our topic is 'That's so last (half) century.' This is an exciting topic looking at changes in everyday life in the UK between 1948 and 2000. This is a subject which the whole family can get involved and share their experiences so after half-term the children will complete a learning log by further exploring aspects of the topic of particular interest to them. We will be holding a dress-up day at the end of this half-term and parents and grandparents are invited to join us for the afternoon. After half-term the children will be baking quiches: keen bakers and helpful hands would be most welcome to help facilitate this activity. More details on all three of these events will be sent home nearer the time.

We are sure that this will be a fun and enjoyable year and look forward to working with you all.

Kind Regards

Mrs Westerman-Loe and Mrs Shears