



# 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 Mrs Farndale 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 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.

**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. 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 'Transatlantic Travels.'

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