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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Year Three: Basic Skills

During your child's time in Year Three there are many areas of the curriculum that they will be taught. Their knowledge will continually increase and develop, and we aid them on their learning journey here at Crosshall.

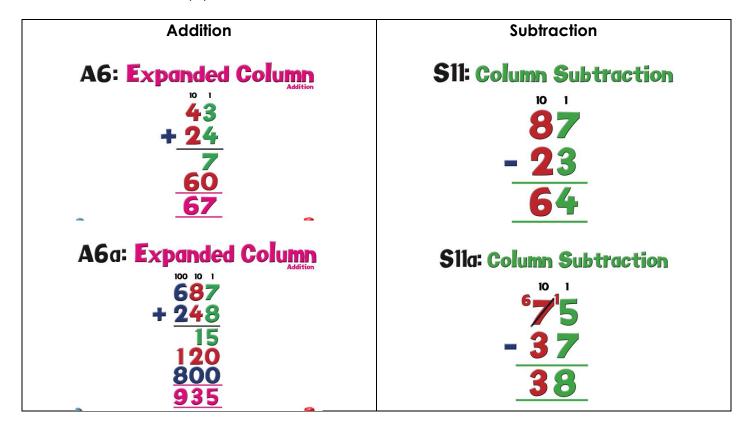
By the end of Year Three, there are many key concepts and basic skills in maths and English that the children should have secured during their time with us.

I have handpicked some key skills from the maths and English Year Three curriculum that are vital for all children to make progress throughout the year and into Year Four.

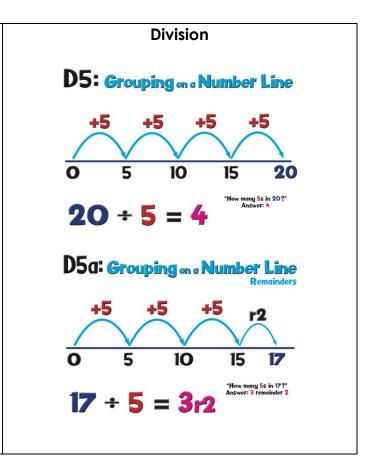
Please find below some of the end of Year Three expectations in maths and English:

Maths:

- Recall multiplications and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables;
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones);
- Solve a range of problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division;
- Be able to calculate using the four operations. We use the following methods to add, subtract, multiply, and divide



Multiplication M4a: Partitioning 15 \times 5 = 75 10 \times 5 = 50 5 \times 5 = 25 50 + 25 = 75



English

- Spell the majority of the words from the lower school list;
- Writing is legible, clear, and all letters are consistently formed and of the correct size;
- Use punctuation accurately in a sentence and identify errors in their own writing to edit and improve;
- Fully engage with and enjoy reading a range of texts, making choices and explaining preferences; know some text types, talk about books enjoyed both in and out of school, making textural references;
- Read with fluency a range of age-appropriate texts;
- Read a speed sufficient for them to focus on understanding (Key Stage One expectation is 90 words per minute)

All of these areas are skills that we work on in school but any extra support you can give your child at home would be extremely beneficial for them to aid their learning journey into Year Four.

Times Tables Support

- As well as using Time Tables Rock Stars and other online games/ activities, please find a
 multiplication and division practice booklet and some speed practice sheets on our
 website under the document 'Year Three Speed Practice' HERE.
- The Topmarks website has lots of games children enjoy playing: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables

Below are some useful websites that you can access to aid your child's progress in these areas. Many are interactive and try to make it enjoyable for the child.

Useful Websites

Topmarks	This website includes English and Maths games.		
	Hit the button is a very good game for times tables, number bonds, finding doubles and halving numbers		
	https://www.topmarks.co.uk		
	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button		
Crosshall Junior website	Click 'CJS Digital Village' and then find the 'Year Three' section.		
	All children have access to this resource through the school's enrolment.		
Times Tables Rock Stars	Go through <u>Times Tables Rock Stars</u> to logon directly. The app/website can be used online, but there are also worksheets that can be printed out at home.		
Century	This is our home learning resource but the children have access to this. Children can complete English, maths and science nuggets with match the Year Three curriculum.		
Other websites	http://www.3x3links.com/crosshalljunior		
	http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/index.html		
	http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage		
	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn		
Apps	Shake-a-Phrase	Cambugs	Quento
Apps	TTRS	(phonics)	KenKen
	Numbots	Grow Grammar	

We will continue to support your child/ren whilst in school, though anything more you can do at home will be of enormous benefit to them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Dorey Head of Year Three