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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. We are writing to outline our approach to Maths homework at E.P.S. and how families can best support learning at home.

We value the important role that real-life experiences play in developing children's mathematical understanding. Maths is everywhere, in cooking, shopping, games, travel, and everyday problem-solving, and these authentic moments are just as valuable as formal written tasks.

We want students to enjoy being problem solvers and to strengthen their reasoning skills. Many of the suggested activities that will be sent home each term are game-based to make Maths engaging and enjoyable for the whole family. We have included a mixture of activities that are hands-on, real-world experiences, as well as online activities and games.

We also believe that the way adults talk about Maths has a powerful influence on children's attitudes and confidence. Speaking positively about Maths, even when it feels challenging, helps students develop a growth mindset. At E.P.S, we believe that everyone can be a Maths person.

We understand that family life is busy, and evenings can look very different from one household to another. Because of this, we do not expect students to complete maths homework each night. Instead, we encourage families to engage in short, meaningful maths activities whenever it fits naturally into your family schedule. Even a few minutes here and there can make a big difference.

To support this, each term we will provide a selection of optional activities that families can access for extra practice at home. These activities are designed to be flexible, practical, and supportive of the learning happening in the classroom. Your child is not required to bring any work into school to be marked, however teachers would love to hear about any at-home Maths experiences their students are having.

While we will send home some activities each term, families are encouraged to utilise the resources throughout the whole year, revisiting favourite activities and games as many times as you like. Please also note that at times your child's teacher may send home specific activities, separate from the start-of-term pack, that may be individualised to support a particular skill or strategy.

Throughout the year, all students will be working towards their Maths Masters Belts. Families can find online links to all Maths Masters skill overview sheets, including examples, links, and activity ideas, on the school website within the 'Students' section under the Maths Masters tab:

<https://eps.vic.edu.au/Learning/students/>

If your child is in Years 3–6, we also have a subscription to the Times Table Rock Stars platform, where students can practise their multiplication and division facts using their Rock Star avatar.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for the many ways you help nurture a positive attitude towards learning at home.

Kind regards,

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