

# Year 4 - Helping your child at home



## Homework

Children are given homework on a Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. This homework supports the learning that has taken place during the week in maths, literacy, reading or grammar lessons. Once homework has been marked, it will be returned to the children and can then be kept at home. If you or your child have any questions about a piece of homework, please speak to your child's teacher before it is due in. We expect all children to read a minimum of 3 times a week. We would like children to read 5 times a week to earn our 'Gold' award for reading.



## Caught being gold

A reminder about the school's reward system – children can receive a "Caught being gold" raffle ticket for displaying one of our Golden Rules: honesty, kindness, respect, community and growth. Once a term, one child from each class is drawn in assembly and has the opportunity to go to a bookshop and have an ice cream.



## Spellings

New spellings are given out on a Thursday, however, the rules and meanings are then taught throughout the following week ready for the test on the next Friday. These words are challenging but follow the National Curriculum for Year 4.



## AtL

This year, as part of our marking policy, the school has introduced an AtL (Attitude to learning) mark if they are producing work below their capability. This may be due to poor quality, quantity or effort. E.g. not using full stops and capital letters when we know they can. When children have an AtL on their work, they are required to miss some of their break or lunch to correct or redo the work.



## Times Tables

Each week, children will be given a new times table sheet to support them in learning their times tables ready for their test during the following week. The expectation for year 4 children is to know all times tables up to 12x12 as well as the division facts.



## PE

- Year 4 are continuing with their swimming on a Thursday.
- Please ensure that each Thursday your child has a substantial breakfast to set them up for the day.
- As this is their carousel day, children are allowed to come into school wearing appropriate sportswear.
- Please ensure that children are in their class lines by 8.45.



## Finally...

If you have any questions about Year 4, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher before or after school.

We've had a great start to the year and look forward to continuing to work closely with you to maximise your child's learning potential.

