



Your child takes part in two PE sessions per week. Year 4 children have PE on **Tuesday** and **Friday** and **Y3** have **swimming on Tuesday** and PE on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a clean kit and suitable footwear each Monday.



How can I  
help at  
home?



## Times Tables

Your child needs to be able to recall all times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  quickly and mentally including linked division facts e.g.  $6 \times 7 = 42$  so we know that  $42 \div 6 = 7$  and  $42 \div 7 = 6$ .

We practice these skills regularly in class but regular practice at home would be very beneficial, so we would like you to support your child's learning by regularly revisiting these skills.

We have signed up to a Times Tables program called Times Table Rockstars, which will be available to your child at home. The app will work on developing their rapid recall of times tables, preparing our Year 4 children for a times table test that they will be required to take part in during the Summer term and securing the knowledge for the year 3 children.



## Mental Calculations

Your child would benefit from regular practice of adding up at speed (for example estimating how much the shopping costs as you go about your weekly shop). This will help their skills of estimating and rounding.



## Morning Tasks

Please ensure that your child is at school promptly to begin learning at 8:45am. Vital elements of their learning are practiced and reviewed during the first 15 minutes of the school day and this can have a significant impact on their progress.

## Spelling

The children are taught spelling patterns and strategies in school and are tested on a Monday. We expect them to practice writing these words in their homework books and to understand how to put these words into sentences. The children are expected to write at least five sentences using words from the spellings list.



## Reading

Reading regularly is vital for your child to make progress. We would like all children to read to an adult on a daily basis at home for 20 minutes to improve their fluency and comprehension. Please check that your child understands the meaning of words read and ask them some questions to check their comprehension. We use a reading scheme that analyses the understanding of the children's reading so this will be monitored in school but you will need to support your children by reading with them daily.

**Please ensure homework books are in school every Monday.**