

### PE Kit

Your child takes part in two PE sessions per week on Monday and Wednesday. 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 practise these skills weekly in class but regular practise at home would be very beneficial so we would like you to support your child's learning by regularly revisiting these skills.

### Mental Calculations

Your child would benefit from regular practise at 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 practised and reviewed during the first 15 minutes of the school day and this can have a significant impact on their progress. Activities include responding to feedback, Reading, Maths and English challenges.

### Spellings and Grammar

The children are being taught grammar and spelling patterns and strategies in school and are tested weekly. The children are taught a different pattern each week so please ask your child about, and discuss, the pattern they have been learning. A useful website is Espresso which can be found in the Pupil useful links section on the school website.

<http://www.evingtonvalley.leicester.sch.uk/usefullinks.html>

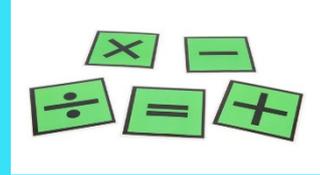
### Reading Records

Your child has a reading record, which requires signing by an adult every evening, once they have read 20 pages. Reading for a minimum of 20 pages a day improves reading comprehension, spellings and grammar. Thank you for your help.

In the first half term this autumn we shall be learning about the following areas:

### Maths

- Place value, calculations (addition, subtraction, division)
- Times tables
- Mental calculations and arithmetic
- Problem solving



### English

- Grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Text types – newspaper reports, formal letters, persuasive arguments, diary entries and discussions
- Joined cursive handwriting
- Guided reading



### History – The Victorians

- Queen Victoria
- Life of children
- Inventions
- School life
- Inspirational Victorians



### Science – Electricity

- Simple circuits
- Scientific symbols
- Using switches, motors and buzzers
- Variations in circuits
- Scientific investigation

### PE

- Skills based activities e.g. catching, throwing and striking
- Rounders
- Team building activities

The children have made an excellent start to the new academic year and have demonstrated very positive attitudes and a growth mindset. We look forward to all the learning we are going to do together including trips such as visiting the Black Country Living Museum. The children are working hard to gain class rewards.