



## Expectations and Requirements for September 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to SQUIRRELS CLASS! I am delighted to have you all back in school. Squirrels lessons will start at 8.40 a.m. The school day finishes for us at 2.40 p.m. Children can arrive at school from 8.30 a.m. to come into class, entering through the front entrance of school. We will also dismiss children from the gate leading to the front entrance. Please remember that parents/carers will not be allowed into school and should remain 2 metres away from other adults.

### Well-being

We are very aware that this might be a challenging time for some children and parents, having not attended school for 6 months, so there will be plenty of time for talking and participating in activities to think about our mental health well-being. We will be continuing to handwash throughout the day so that we keep ourselves safe. We are in a bubble with Badgers class so will be sharing break and lunchtimes with them so children will have an opportunity to talk and socialise with the older children.

### Class dojo

This year class dojo is replacing house points to reward children. More information will follow.

### Classroom expectations

In Squirrels Class we have high expectations and an excellent commitment to our learning. Below, are some of the expectations and requirements for every child in Squirrels Class.

### Pencil cases

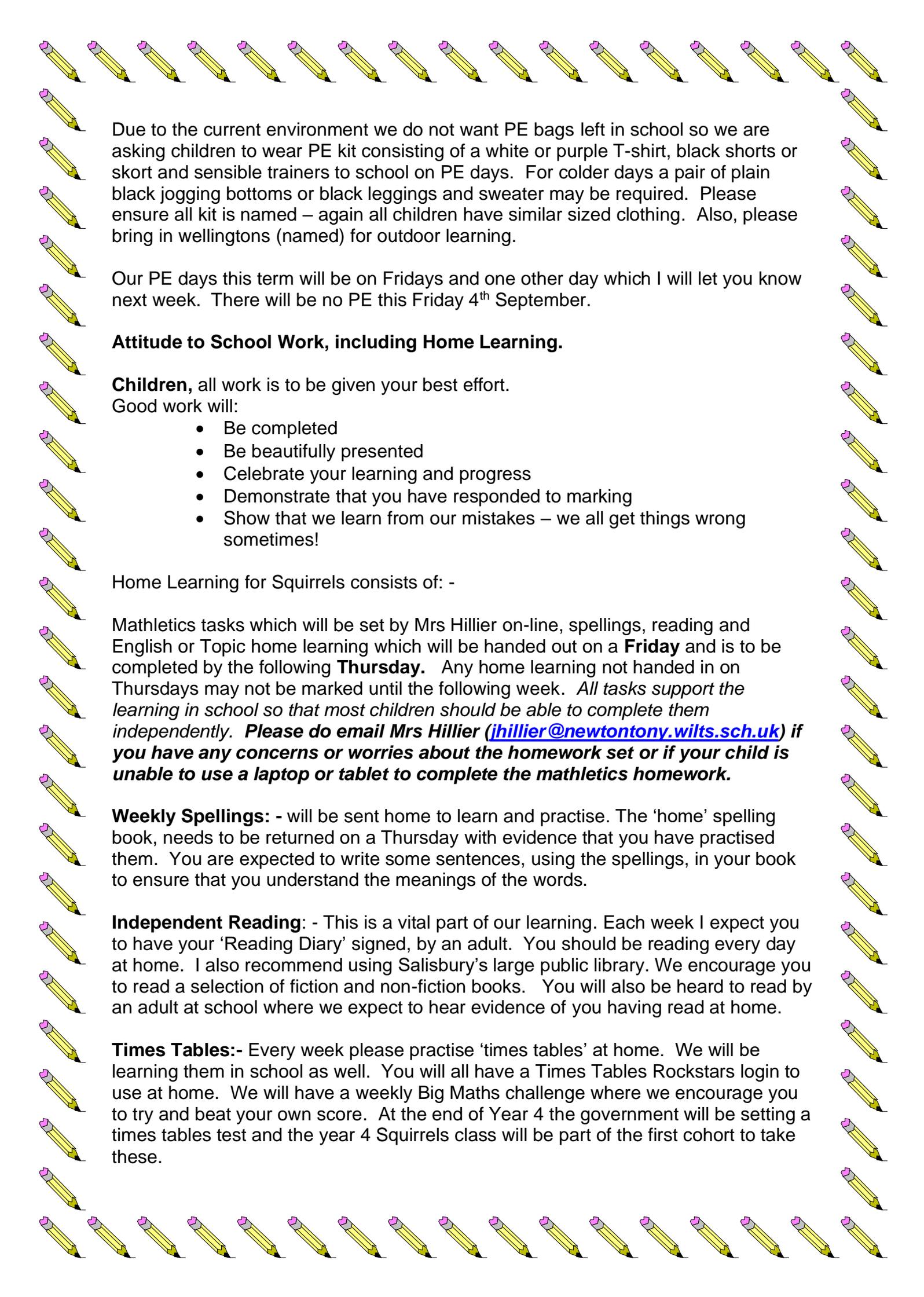
Every child should bring a pencil case to school which should include colouring pencils and pencil sharpener. I will provide a hand writing pencil or pen for everyone.

### Bags

Backpacks are not to be brought to school. Please remember to bring your book bag or book folder to school every day with your school reading book in.

### Uniform and PE Kit:-

Our Newton Tony CE VC Primary School uniform must be worn at all times, unless it is a PE/Games day or another 'pre authorised' occasion. Please remember that all Squirrels Class may be wearing the same size jumper so it **must** be clearly **named** so that we can return it to the correct child! School shoes should be black and in the summer heel supported sandals may be worn. Socks or tights must be either black or grey. Trainers are only to be worn for PE/Games lessons. If you would like to purchase a school tie please ask at the school office.



Due to the current environment we do not want PE bags left in school so we are asking children to wear PE kit consisting of a white or purple T-shirt, black shorts or skirt and sensible trainers to school on PE days. For colder days a pair of plain black jogging bottoms or black leggings and sweater may be required. Please ensure all kit is named – again all children have similar sized clothing. Also, please bring in wellingtons (named) for outdoor learning.

Our PE days this term will be on Fridays and one other day which I will let you know next week. There will be no PE this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Attitude to School Work, including Home Learning.**

**Children,** all work is to be given your best effort.

Good work will:

- Be completed
- Be beautifully presented
- Celebrate your learning and progress
- Demonstrate that you have responded to marking
- Show that we learn from our mistakes – we all get things wrong sometimes!

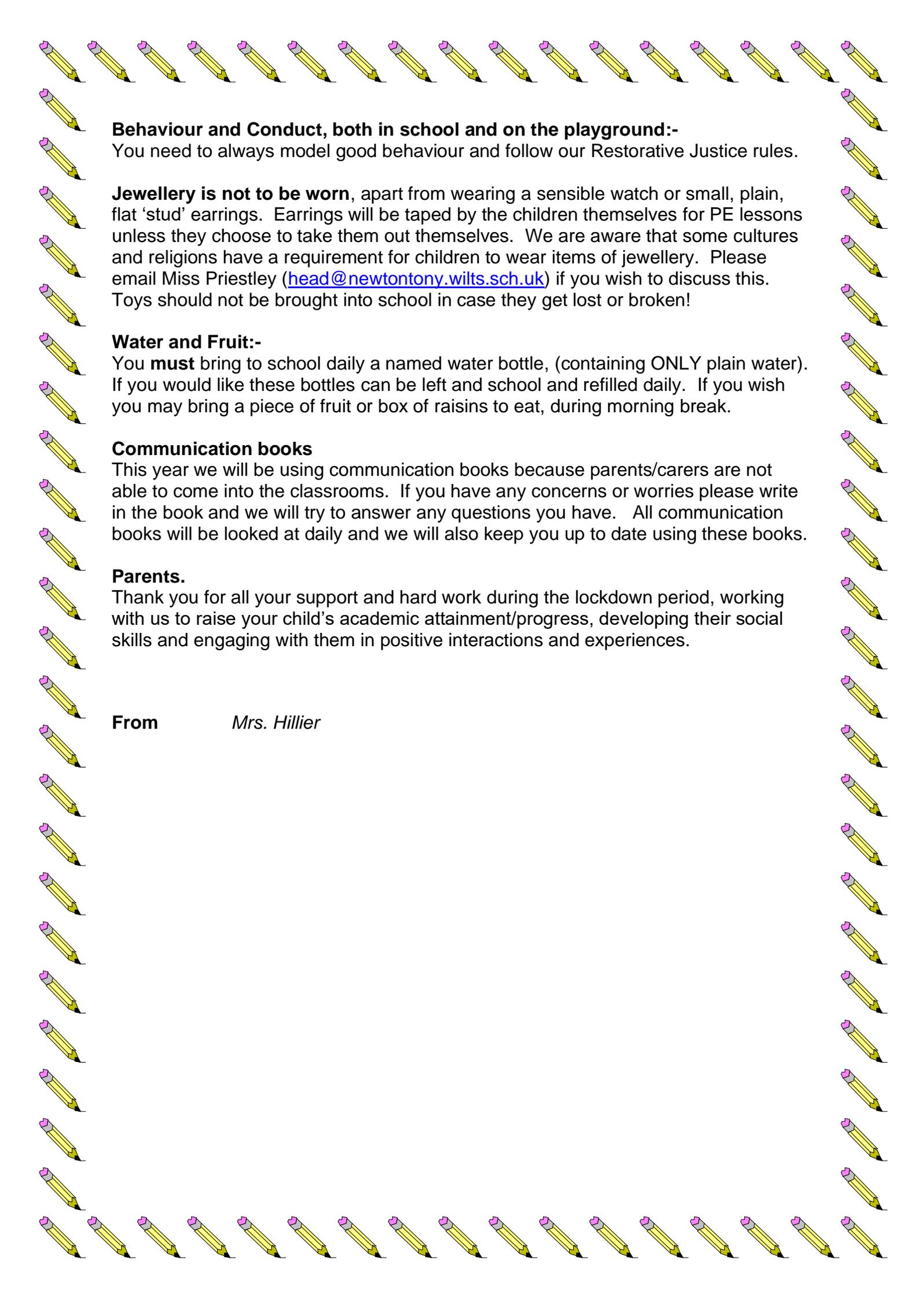
Home Learning for Squirrels consists of: -

Mathletics tasks which will be set by Mrs Hillier on-line, spellings, reading and English or Topic home learning which will be handed out on a **Friday** and is to be completed by the following **Thursday**. Any home learning not handed in on Thursdays may not be marked until the following week. *All tasks support the learning in school so that most children should be able to complete them independently. **Please do email Mrs Hillier ([jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk)) if you have any concerns or worries about the homework set or if your child is unable to use a laptop or tablet to complete the mathletics homework.***

**Weekly Spellings:** - will be sent home to learn and practise. The 'home' spelling book, needs to be returned on a Thursday with evidence that you have practised them. You are expected to write some sentences, using the spellings, in your book to ensure that you understand the meanings of the words.

**Independent Reading:** - This is a vital part of our learning. Each week I expect you to have your 'Reading Diary' signed, by an adult. You should be reading every day at home. I also recommend using Salisbury's large public library. We encourage you to read a selection of fiction and non-fiction books. You will also be heard to read by an adult at school where we expect to hear evidence of you having read at home.

**Times Tables:-** Every week please practise 'times tables' at home. We will be learning them in school as well. You will all have a Times Tables Rockstars login to use at home. We will have a weekly Big Maths challenge where we encourage you to try and beat your own score. At the end of Year 4 the government will be setting a times tables test and the year 4 Squirrels class will be part of the first cohort to take these.



**Behaviour and Conduct, both in school and on the playground:-**

You need to always model good behaviour and follow our Restorative Justice rules.

**Jewellery is not to be worn**, apart from wearing a sensible watch or small, plain, flat 'stud' earrings. Earrings will be taped by the children themselves for PE lessons unless they choose to take them out themselves. We are aware that some cultures and religions have a requirement for children to wear items of jewellery. Please email Miss Priestley ([head@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk)) if you wish to discuss this. Toys should not be brought into school in case they get lost or broken!

**Water and Fruit:-**

You **must** bring to school daily a named water bottle, (containing ONLY plain water). If you would like these bottles can be left at school and refilled daily. If you wish you may bring a piece of fruit or box of raisins to eat, during morning break.

**Communication books**

This year we will be using communication books because parents/carers are not able to come into the classrooms. If you have any concerns or worries please write in the book and we will try to answer any questions you have. All communication books will be looked at daily and we will also keep you up to date using these books.

**Parents.**

Thank you for all your support and hard work during the lockdown period, working with us to raise your child's academic attainment/progress, developing their social skills and engaging with them in positive interactions and experiences.

**From**            *Mrs. Hillier*