



Expectations and Requirements for September 2021

Dear Children and Parents/Carers,

Welcome to SQUIRRELS CLASS 2021! Squirrels' lessons will start at 8.30 a.m. The school day finishes for us at 2.40 p.m. Children continue to enter through the front entrance of school. We will also dismiss children from the gate leading to the front entrance.

Well-being

We are aware that this might be a challenging time for some children, 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.

Class dojos

Class dojos will continue to be used to reward children. The child who receives the highest dojo points at the end of the week receives a leaf for their House. Once each house has received 10 leaves they receive a Golden Leaf which entitles that House to choose a reward. Each class will also be given a reward when they reach 500 or 1000 points – last year the children chose to do baking for one of these rewards.

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

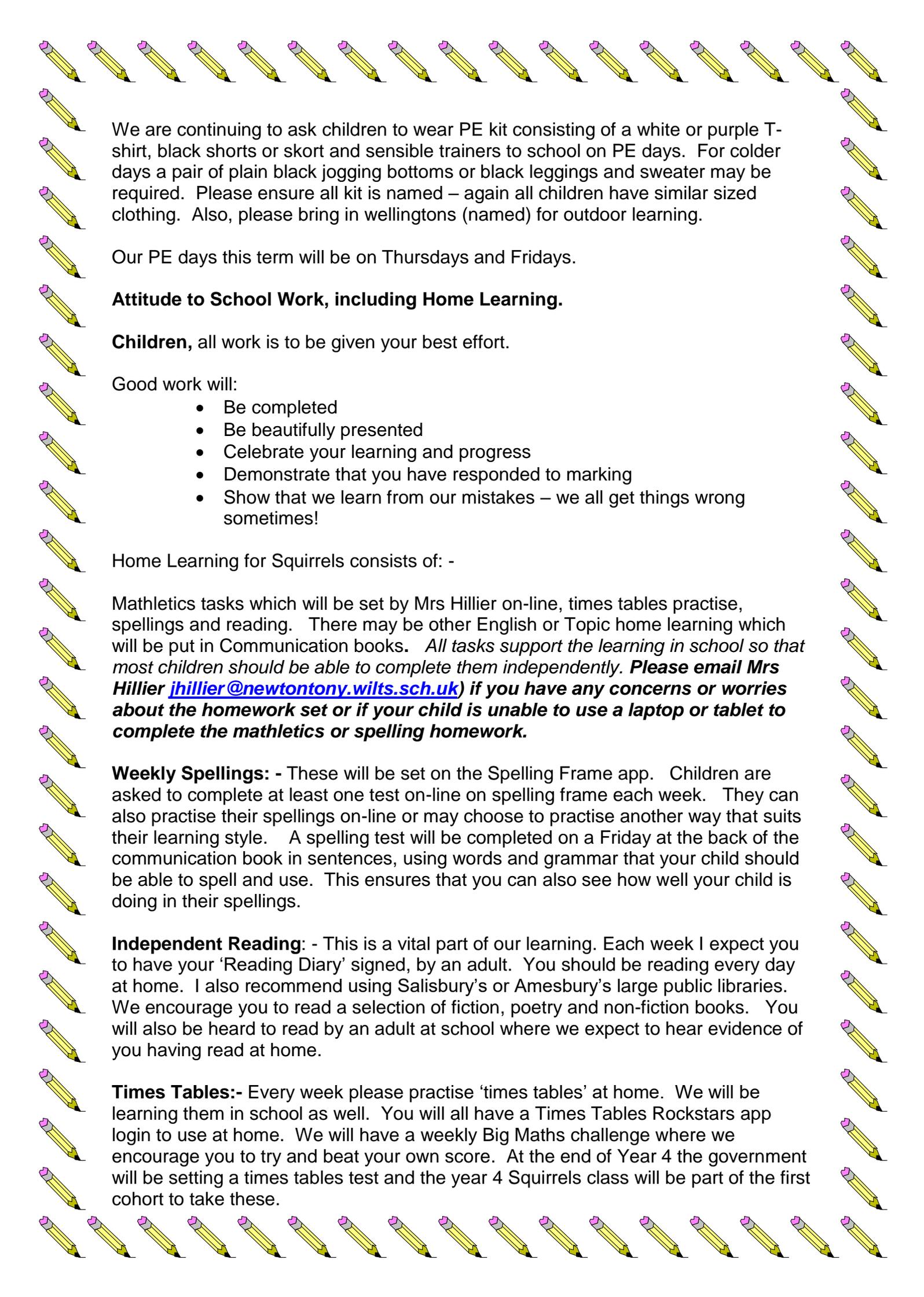
Every child should bring a pencil case to school which should include colouring pencils and pencil sharpener. I will provide a hand writing pencil or pen for everyone.

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 and communication 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 white, black and in the summer ankle support 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.



We are continuing to ask 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 Thursdays and Fridays.

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!

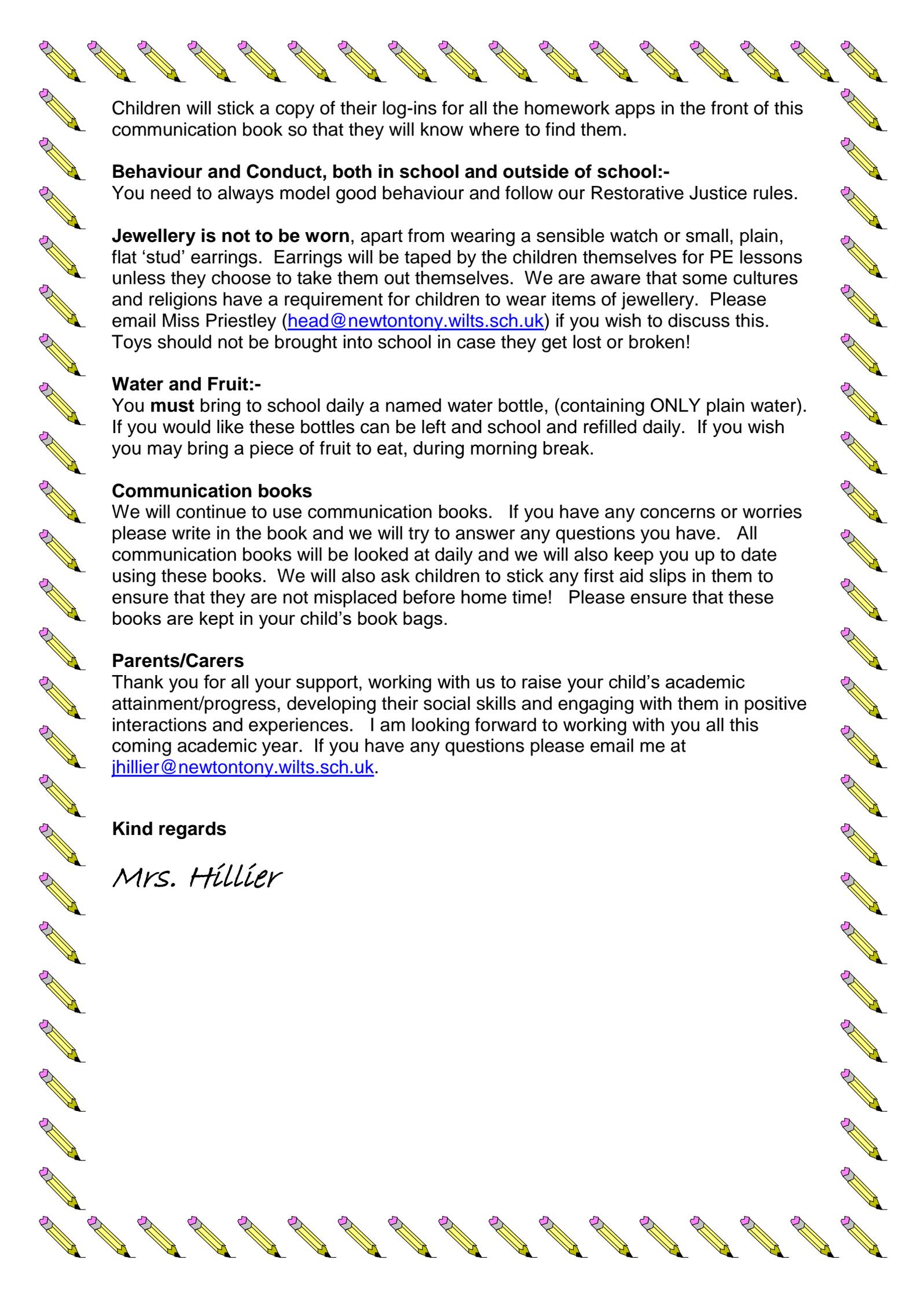
Home Learning for Squirrels consists of: -

Mathletics tasks which will be set by Mrs Hillier on-line, times tables practise, spellings and reading. There may be other English or Topic home learning which will be put in Communication books. *All tasks support the learning in school so that most children should be able to complete them independently.* **Please email Mrs Hillier 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 or spelling homework.**

Weekly Spellings: - These will be set on the Spelling Frame app. Children are asked to complete at least one test on-line on spelling frame each week. They can also practise their spellings on-line or may choose to practise another way that suits their learning style. A spelling test will be completed on a Friday at the back of the communication book in sentences, using words and grammar that your child should be able to spell and use. This ensures that you can also see how well your child is doing in their spellings.

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 or Amesbury's large public libraries. We encourage you to read a selection of fiction, poetry 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 app 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.



Children will stick a copy of their log-ins for all the homework apps in the front of this communication book so that they will know where to find them.

Behaviour and Conduct, both in school and outside of school:-

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) 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 to eat, during morning break.

Communication books

We will continue to use communication books. 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. We will also ask children to stick any first aid slips in them to ensure that they are not misplaced before home time! Please ensure that these books are kept in your child's book bags.

Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support, working with us to raise your child's academic attainment/progress, developing their social skills and engaging with them in positive interactions and experiences. I am looking forward to working with you all this coming academic year. If you have any questions please email me at jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk.

Kind regards

Mrs. Hillier