

# ESC Alpha Helping your child at home



## Homework

Children are given homework on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. This homework supports the learning that has taken place during the week in maths and literacy. Once homework has been marked, it will be returned to the children and can then be kept at home. If you or your child has 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.



## Topic

This half term children will be learning about toys in the past. We will be going on a trip to the Herbert art gallery to see and play with toys from the past, and a local toy shop to compare old and new toys. Please talk to your children about toys you used to play with and help them to draw and write about them.

We also will learn through stories and practical maths activities. Please practice writing and counting at home.



## Spellings

New spellings are given out on Mondays, please practice these every day at home, ready for the test on Friday.



## 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.



## Times Tables

On a Friday, children will be given a new times table sheet to support them in learning their times tables ready for their test on the following Wednesday. The expectation for all children in EAlpha is to begin to learn the 2 and 10 times tables. The expectation for some children is to also learn the 5 times times tables as well as the division facts.



## Finally...

If you have any questions about EAlpha, 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.



## PE

- PE day is on a Thursday.

