



HEDGEHOGS' NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2019-20

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the break. I hope that the children all enjoyed a good rest after the residential to Bewl and a busy term. We were all so proud of the children's achievements while we were away. Many of the children really challenged themselves and showed a great deal of independence.

I will continue to teach the class all day on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. Mrs Blunt will teach the class on a Thursday and a Friday to allow me to carry out my Deputy Head role. Mrs Collyer and Mrs Berry will continue to support the class each day.

If you do have any questions, comments or concerns then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me either before school or at the end of the day.

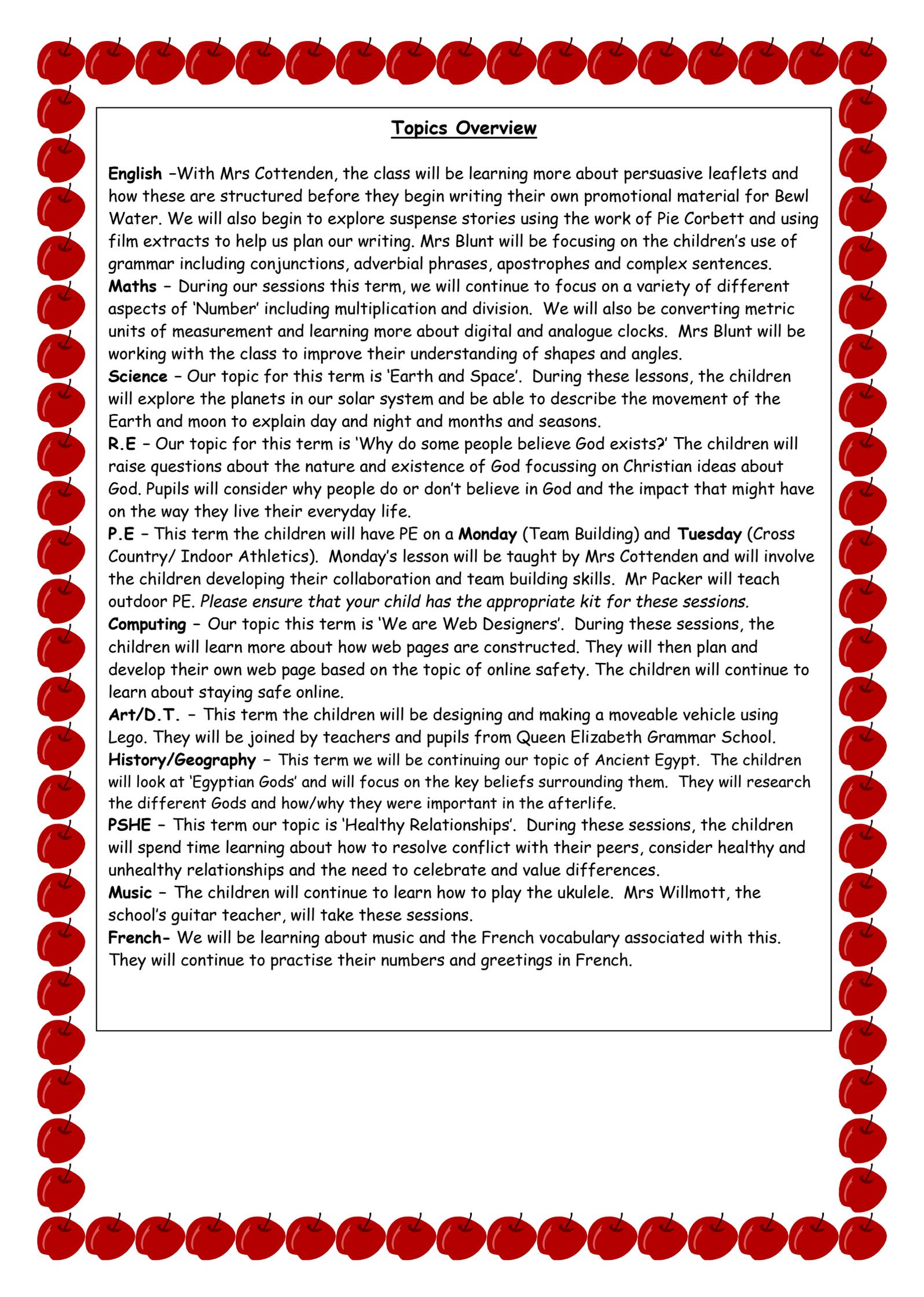
We are all looking forward to a great term.

Mrs Cottenden, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Collyer and Mrs Berry

Key Dates



- Tuesday 29th October** - First day of Term 2
- Thursday 31st October**- Evolve F1 team visiting from QE School
- Monday 11th - Friday 15th November**- Anti-bullying Week
- Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November**- Parent Consultations
- Friday 15th November**- Children in Need
- Monday 25th - Thursday 28th November**- Book Fair
- Friday 6th December**- Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th December**- KS2 Carol Concert (9am)
- Monday 16th December**- Christmas jumpers and Mix Up day
- Tuesday 17th December** - Christmas parties and end of term
- Wednesday 18th December**- INSET Day



Topics Overview

English - With Mrs Cottenden, the class will be learning more about persuasive leaflets and how these are structured before they begin writing their own promotional material for Bewl Water. We will also begin to explore suspense stories using the work of Pie Corbett and using film extracts to help us plan our writing. Mrs Blunt will be focusing on the children's use of grammar including conjunctions, adverbial phrases, apostrophes and complex sentences.

Maths - During our sessions this term, we will continue to focus on a variety of different aspects of 'Number' including multiplication and division. We will also be converting metric units of measurement and learning more about digital and analogue clocks. Mrs Blunt will be working with the class to improve their understanding of shapes and angles.

Science - Our topic for this term is 'Earth and Space'. During these lessons, the children will explore the planets in our solar system and be able to describe the movement of the Earth and moon to explain day and night and months and seasons.

R.E - Our topic for this term is 'Why do some people believe God exists?' The children will raise questions about the nature and existence of God focussing on Christian ideas about God. Pupils will consider why people do or don't believe in God and the impact that might have on the way they live their everyday life.

P.E - This term the children will have PE on a **Monday** (Team Building) and **Tuesday** (Cross Country/ Indoor Athletics). Monday's lesson will be taught by Mrs Cottenden and will involve the children developing their collaboration and team building skills. Mr Packer will teach outdoor PE. *Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for these sessions.*

Computing - Our topic this term is 'We are Web Designers'. During these sessions, the children will learn more about how web pages are constructed. They will then plan and develop their own web page based on the topic of online safety. The children will continue to learn about staying safe online.

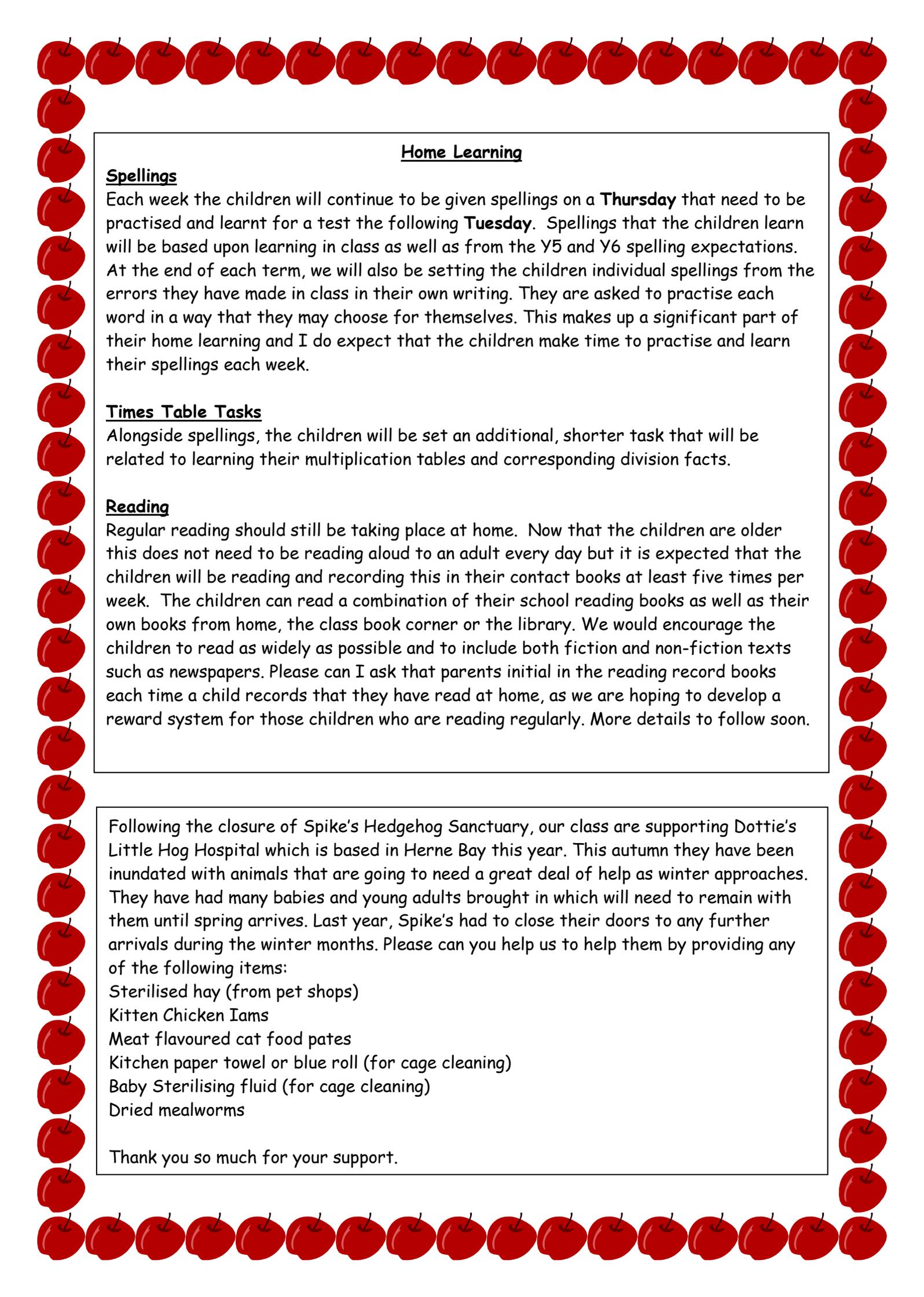
Art/D.T. - This term the children will be designing and making a moveable vehicle using Lego. They will be joined by teachers and pupils from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School.

History/Geography - This term we will be continuing our topic of Ancient Egypt. The children will look at 'Egyptian Gods' and will focus on the key beliefs surrounding them. They will research the different Gods and how/why they were important in the afterlife.

PSHE - This term our topic is 'Healthy Relationships'. During these sessions, the children will spend time learning about how to resolve conflict with their peers, consider healthy and unhealthy relationships and the need to celebrate and value differences.

Music - The children will continue to learn how to play the ukulele. Mrs Willmott, the school's guitar teacher, will take these sessions.

French - We will be learning about music and the French vocabulary associated with this. They will continue to practise their numbers and greetings in French.



Home Learning

Spellings

Each week the children will continue to be given spellings on a **Thursday** that need to be practised and learnt for a test the following **Tuesday**. Spellings that the children learn will be based upon learning in class as well as from the Y5 and Y6 spelling expectations. At the end of each term, we will also be setting the children individual spellings from the errors they have made in class in their own writing. They are asked to practise each word in a way that they may choose for themselves. This makes up a significant part of their home learning and I do expect that the children make time to practise and learn their spellings each week.

Times Table Tasks

Alongside spellings, the children will be set an additional, shorter task that will be related to learning their multiplication tables and corresponding division facts.

Reading

Regular reading should still be taking place at home. Now that the children are older this does not need to be reading aloud to an adult every day but it is expected that the children will be reading and recording this in their contact books at least five times per week. The children can read a combination of their school reading books as well as their own books from home, the class book corner or the library. We would encourage the children to read as widely as possible and to include both fiction and non-fiction texts such as newspapers. Please can I ask that parents initial in the reading record books each time a child records that they have read at home, as we are hoping to develop a reward system for those children who are reading regularly. More details to follow soon.

Following the closure of Spike's Hedgehog Sanctuary, our class are supporting Dottie's Little Hog Hospital which is based in Herne Bay this year. This autumn they have been inundated with animals that are going to need a great deal of help as winter approaches. They have had many babies and young adults brought in which will need to remain with them until spring arrives. Last year, Spike's had to close their doors to any further arrivals during the winter months. Please can you help us to help them by providing any of the following items:

- Sterilised hay (from pet shops)
- Kitten Chicken Iams
- Meat flavoured cat food pates
- Kitchen paper towel or blue roll (for cage cleaning)
- Baby Sterilising fluid (for cage cleaning)
- Dried mealworms

Thank you so much for your support.