



Hedgehogs Class Newsletter Term 5

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and that the children are rested and ready for Term 5. I am sure it is going to be a busy one!

Please find below the key dates for the term and an outline of the topics we will be covering in this term. Please also keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter with additional dates.

If you have any questions or concerns please do come and see me before or after school.

Best wishes,

Miss Fuller, Miss Jarman and Mrs Jones.

Key Dates

Tuesday 19th April - First day of term 5

Monday 25th April - Kent Cricket workshop

Friday 6th May- Trip to Kent Life (letter to follow)

Monday 16th May - Start of Well-Being Week

Tuesday 24th May- Young Voices at the O2

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th - Outdoor classroom days

Friday 27th May - Last day of term 5





Topics Overview

English - For the majority of this term we will be looking at Viking myths. The children will explore gods within Viking/Norse mythology; this will enable to children to develop character profiles and lead them to develop their own character/god. We will then be reading the story of Beowulf and writing our own chapter about Beowulf's adventures.

Maths - This term we will begin with further work on decimals, including multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then be focussing on geometry this term. In particular, calculating and measuring angles, regular and irregular polygons, translation and finding lines of symmetry.

Science - Once again we will be covering a range of topics, including: labelling diagrams of the circulatory system; naming nutrients that are important for humans; drawing diagrams that show how shadows are formed; describing the Earth's rotation in relation to the moon and sun and recognising and naming characteristics used in classification group for plants and animals.

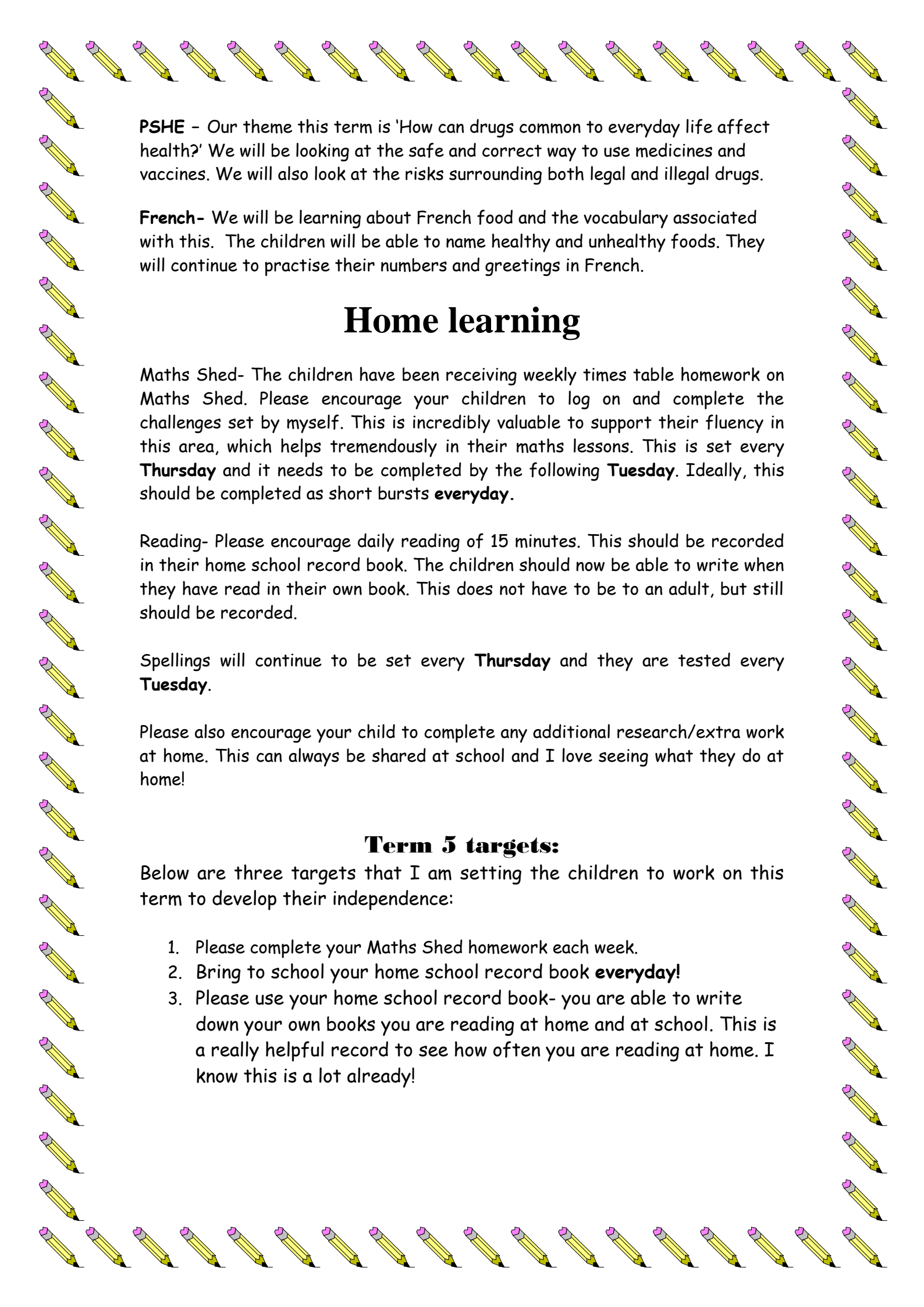
R.E - Our topic for this term and next is Islam. We will be focusing on ceremonies and rituals within the religion and how these compare to those of other religions. We hope that this will also include a visit to Canterbury Mosque later in the year.

P.E -Mr Packer will continue to teach the class PE on a **Tuesday** morning and I will be teaching PE on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child has correct PE kit for each session and wears this to school on those days.

Computing - After a session on E-safety, we will be completing a unit on spreadsheets. The children will be able to understand what a spreadsheet does, know how to graph successfully and how to manipulate numbers using formulas and other techniques.

History - This term we will be looking at Viking invasions and the impact this had on Britain at the time. The children will learn lots about the Vikings across the curriculum but will focus on key battles and 'Viking England' during Humanities sessions. We are also hoping to go to Kent Life to take part in Viking workshops- a letter will follow.

Art/D.T - Seeing as such a large part of our curriculum is focusing on 'The Vikings', this term the children will be finding out about Viking art including jewellery, knots and weapons.



PSHE - Our theme this term is 'How can drugs common to everyday life affect health?' We will be looking at the safe and correct way to use medicines and vaccines. We will also look at the risks surrounding both legal and illegal drugs.

French- We will be learning about French food and the vocabulary associated with this. The children will be able to name healthy and unhealthy foods. They will continue to practise their numbers and greetings in French.

Home learning

Maths Shed- The children have been receiving weekly times table homework on Maths Shed. Please encourage your children to log on and complete the challenges set by myself. This is incredibly valuable to support their fluency in this area, which helps tremendously in their maths lessons. This is set every **Thursday** and it needs to be completed by the following **Tuesday**. Ideally, this should be completed as short bursts **everyday**.

Reading- Please encourage daily reading of 15 minutes. This should be recorded in their home school record book. The children should now be able to write when they have read in their own book. This does not have to be to an adult, but still should be recorded.

Spellings will continue to be set every **Thursday** and they are tested every **Tuesday**.

Please also encourage your child to complete any additional research/extra work at home. This can always be shared at school and I love seeing what they do at home!

Term 5 targets:

Below are three targets that I am setting the children to work on this term to develop their independence:

1. Please complete your Maths Shed homework each week.
2. Bring to school your home school record book **everyday!**
3. Please use your home school record book- you are able to write down your own books you are reading at home and at school. This is a really helpful record to see how often you are reading at home. I know this is a lot already!