



☺ YEAR 1 ☺

SPRING TERM 2024

Dear All,

Happy New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the brilliant Christmas production. We were very proud of the children's performances and we hope you enjoyed watching them. We would also like to say a very big thank you for the generous gift cards, presents and cards, they were hugely appreciated.

As always we have a busy term ahead. The topics we will learn about this term are:

History – Schools and homes in the past.

Science – Animals including humans.

Computing – Grouping & sorting, Pictograms and Lego builders

R.E. – Special books and Jesus & the Easter Story

D&T – Sliders and levers

P.E. – 1st half: Gymnastics & Fitness; 2nd half: Dance & Hockey

Music – 1st half: Exploring sounds; 2nd half: Learning to listen

Art – African Art

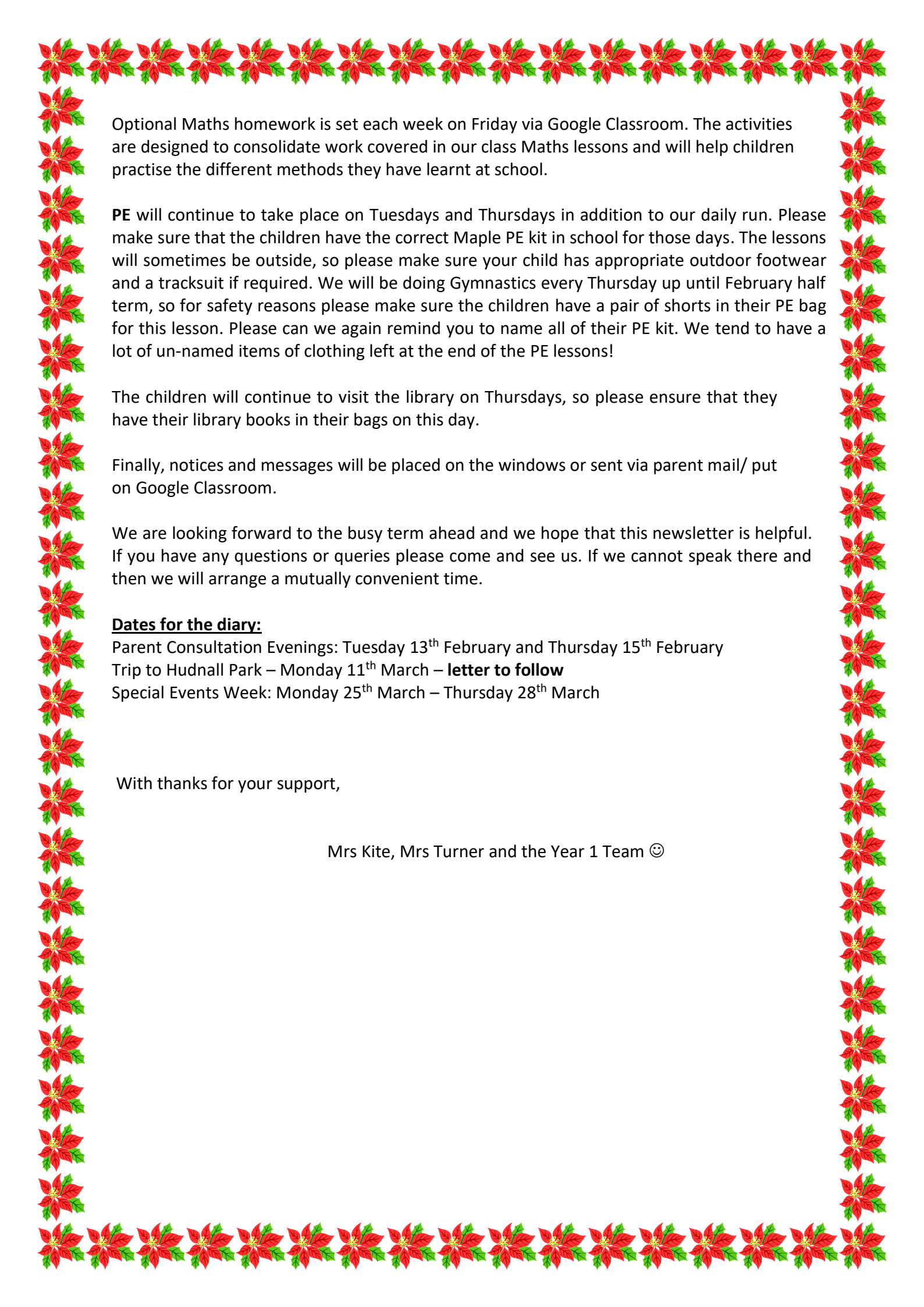
English

Children will continue to have Read Write Inc Phonics lessons 4 days a week and 1 whole class Literacy lesson each week. In class we will be reinforcing their phonics skills through further literacy activities and guided reading sessions. Please support your child's individual reading at home through short and regular reading sessions and continue to use the Reading Diary as before. It is important to write in the reading diary as it helps to give us a full picture of your child's reading. The children's reading level is regularly assessed and they will move through the scheme as appropriate. The children will continue to be responsible for changing their individual reading books. They will choose new books each week providing they have returned their previous week's books. Remember also to read the books allocated to your child on the 'Bug Club' website and look at our Year 1 recommended reading list on the website.

Children will continue to bring home spellings to learn on a **Friday**, which will be either words from the Year One spelling list or words with the weekly sound focus from their phonics lessons. These spellings will then be checked the following **Friday**. Thank you for your continued support for your child with their spellings.

Maths

Our work in Maths includes lots of oral work and number games to support the children's learning. We will be using and understanding language to compare length, height, mass and speed, using non- standard and standard measures, using sequencing skills associated with days of the week and months of the year, ordering and comparing different amounts of money, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, adding and subtracting, comparison work, problem solving, and understanding equality and balance.



Optional Maths homework is set each week on Friday via Google Classroom. The activities are designed to consolidate work covered in our class Maths lessons and will help children practise the different methods they have learnt at school.

PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in addition to our daily run. Please make sure that the children have the correct Maple PE kit in school for those days. The lessons will sometimes be outside, so please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor footwear and a tracksuit if required. We will be doing Gymnastics every Thursday up until February half term, so for safety reasons please make sure the children have a pair of shorts in their PE bag for this lesson. Please can we again remind you to name all of their PE kit. We tend to have a lot of un-named items of clothing left at the end of the PE lessons!

The children will continue to visit the library on Thursdays, so please ensure that they have their library books in their bags on this day.

Finally, notices and messages will be placed on the windows or sent via parent mail/ put on Google Classroom.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead and we hope that this newsletter is helpful. If you have any questions or queries please come and see us. If we cannot speak there and then we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

Dates for the diary:

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February

Trip to Hudnall Park – Monday 11th March – **letter to follow**

Special Events Week: Monday 25th March – Thursday 28th March

With thanks for your support,

Mrs Kite, Mrs Turner and the Year 1 Team ☺