



Year 2 Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you had a fantastic break. We have been so impressed by all the hard work being done by the children in school. We are all very excited about the new term and hope to see all the children in school on time every day.

English

We start this half term by looking at 3rd person narratives. We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and using this book as a stimulus to write our own chapter. We will continue to use expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our writing interesting to read. We will then end the term by looking at persuasive text. This unit will continue into Summer 2. Please continue to practise the spellings your child receives every week, which you can find from their 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheets.

Reading Books

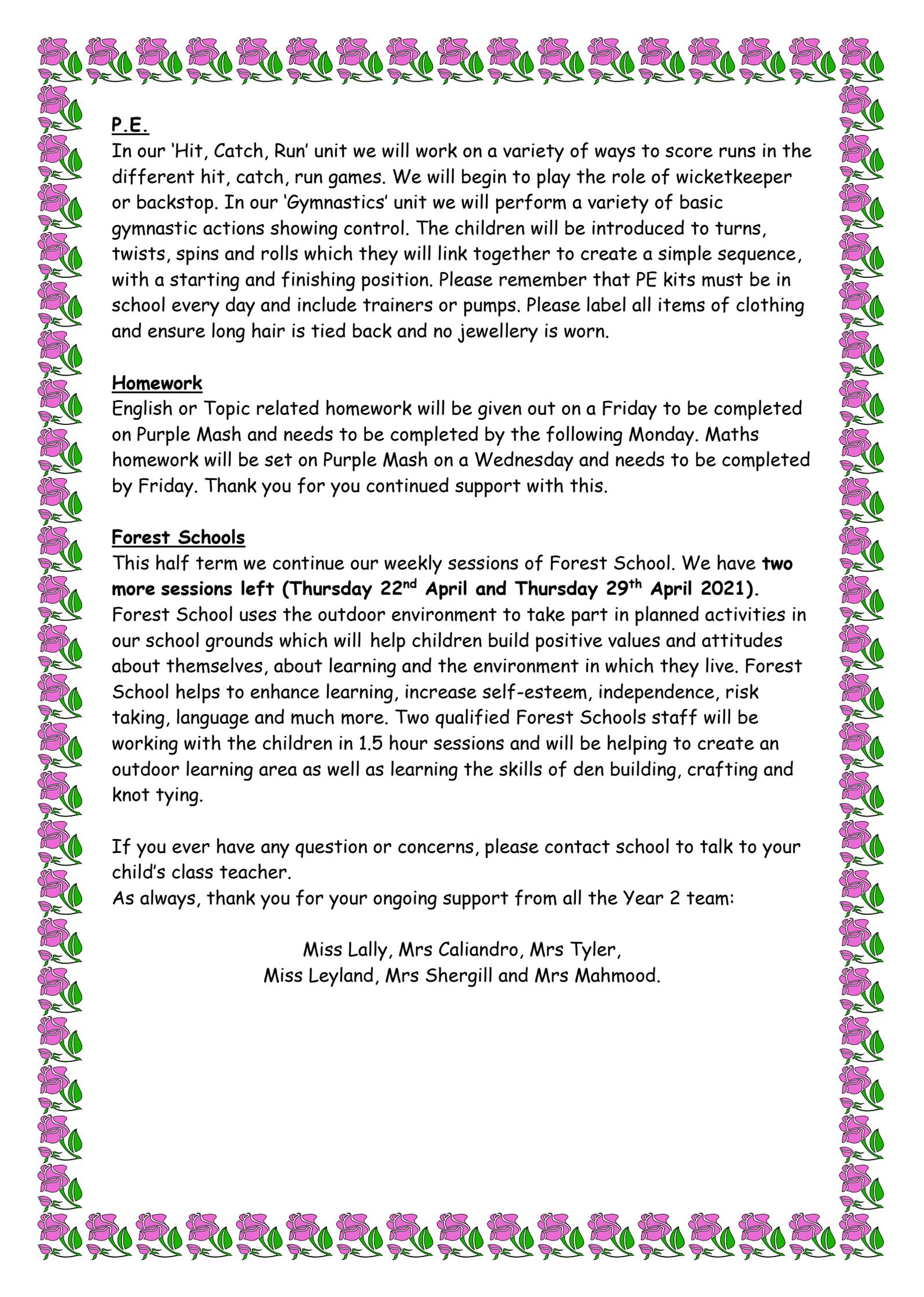
We appreciate all the hard work that is going into reading with your child at home. Remember you can use a wide range of books to read and share with your child at home. When you listen to your child read, please ask them questions about what they are reading and ensure they understand all the vocabulary. Also encourage your child to find the answers in the text. Reading books will be changed every Thursday, so please ensure that you have signed and commented in your child's reading journal.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about fractions, finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes, lengths, sets of objects and quantities. We will then move onto looking at Measurement which includes Length/Height, Mass, Capacity and Temperature. Please keep working with your child at home to make sure they know all their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, instantly. Keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 x tables, as well as counting in groups of 3's.

Topic

We start this term by looking at plants in Science. We will explore what plants need to grow as well as describe how a seed or bulb grows into a mature plant. We will then move onto looking at different types of materials. The children will investigate how materials can be changed and their suitability. Using this knowledge, the children will then investigate what materials would be good when making a puppet. They will then have the fantastic opportunity of designing, making and evaluating their very own finger puppet. The puppets unit will continue into Summer 2.



P.E.

In our 'Hit, Catch, Run' unit we will work on a variety of ways to score runs in the different hit, catch, run games. We will begin to play the role of wicketkeeper or backstop. In our 'Gymnastics' unit we will perform a variety of basic gymnastic actions showing control. The children will be introduced to turns, twists, spins and rolls which they will link together to create a simple sequence, with a starting and finishing position. Please remember that PE kits must be in school every day and include trainers or pumps. Please label all items of clothing and ensure long hair is tied back and no jewellery is worn.

Homework

English or Topic related homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed on Purple Mash and needs to be completed by the following Monday. Maths homework will be set on Purple Mash on a Wednesday and needs to be completed by Friday. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Forest Schools

This half term we continue our weekly sessions of Forest School. We have **two more sessions left (Thursday 22nd April and Thursday 29th April 2021)**. Forest School uses the outdoor environment to take part in planned activities in our school grounds which will help children build positive values and attitudes about themselves, about learning and the environment in which they live. Forest School helps to enhance learning, increase self-esteem, independence, risk taking, language and much more. Two qualified Forest Schools staff will be working with the children in 1.5 hour sessions and will be helping to create an outdoor learning area as well as learning the skills of den building, crafting and knot tying.

If you ever have any question or concerns, please contact school to talk to your child's class teacher.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team:

Miss Lally, Mrs Caliendo, Mrs Tyler,
Miss Leyland, Mrs Shergill and Mrs Mahmood.