



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back to school. It is lovely to see all the children back in school again, happy and ready to learn. The children have all settled well after the summer break.

English

This half term we will be focusing on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be using adjectives to describe the characters from the story. Alongside this, we will be reading Roald Dahl's poetry version of Little Red Riding Hood from the book 'Revolting Rhymes'. The children will be learning extracts from this poem to perform using clear voices, expression and actions. Following this, we will be looking at the text 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We will use the ideas from this story to write our own adventure story written in the third person. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and adjectives.

Reading Books

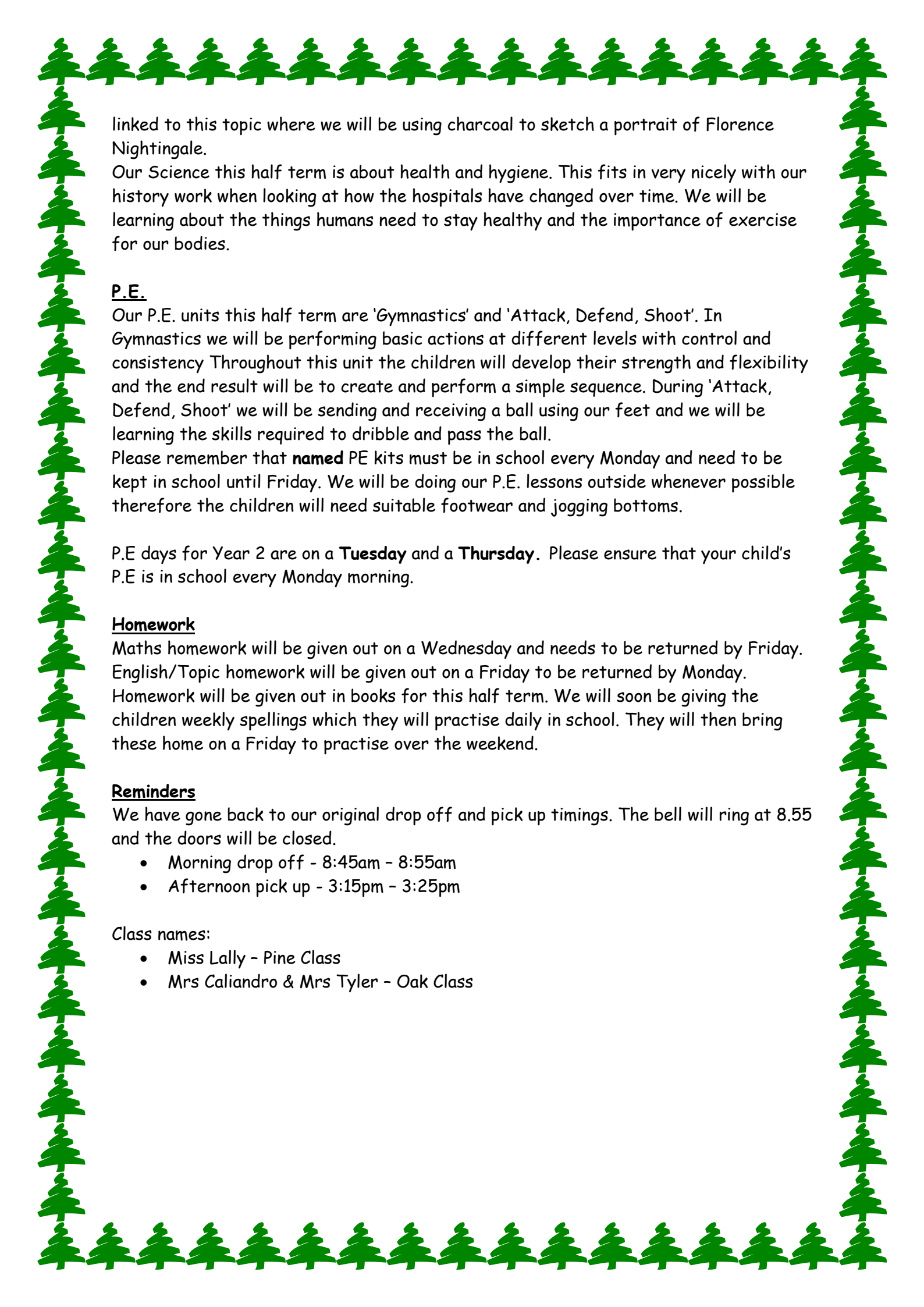
Your child will be given a reading book to read at home which will be changed weekly. This book will be matched to the letter sounds that have been learnt during the week and will help to improve your child's phonics and fluency. Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading, this is a skill they will be developing during Year 2. When reading please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using the pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to your child read with any other comments you wish to make.

Maths

Throughout the year the children will be securing their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will now also have key instant recall facts which they will focus on each half term. In Autumn 1 this will be knowing 1 more and 1 less/10 more and 10 less than a given number. To support your child further please practice these at home. At the start of this half term we will be focusing on place value. We will be exploring how numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones and what the value of each digit is. The children will be using a range of equipment such as Numicon, Base 10 and tens frames to support their understanding. In our addition and subtraction unit, we will be consolidating our facts within 20, adding and subtracting 10's and adding ones to a 2-digit number. We will be focusing on mental methods, as well as using equipment to solve our calculations.

History, Art & Science

Our new History topic is called 'Noble Nurses.' We will be looking at famous nurses from the past and focusing on the lives of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Nellie Spindler. To begin this topic the children have had an exciting lesson looking at items associated with hospitals now and in the past. We will be learning how the hospitals have changed over time and how this happened. We will be looking at the lives of these famous nurses and ordering events of their lives on a timeline. Our Art is



linked to this topic where we will be using charcoal to sketch a portrait of Florence Nightingale.

Our Science this half term is about health and hygiene. This fits in very nicely with our history work when looking at how the hospitals have changed over time. We will be learning about the things humans need to stay healthy and the importance of exercise for our bodies.

P.E.

Our P.E. units this half term are 'Gymnastics' and 'Attack, Defend, Shoot'. In Gymnastics we will be performing basic actions at different levels with control and consistency. Throughout this unit the children will develop their strength and flexibility and the end result will be to create and perform a simple sequence. During 'Attack, Defend, Shoot' we will be sending and receiving a ball using our feet and we will be learning the skills required to dribble and pass the ball.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school until Friday. We will be doing our P.E. lessons outside whenever possible therefore the children will need suitable footwear and jogging bottoms.

P.E days for Year 2 are on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child's P.E is in school every Monday morning.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday. English/Topic homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by Monday. Homework will be given out in books for this half term. We will soon be giving the children weekly spellings which they will practise daily in school. They will then bring these home on a Friday to practise over the weekend.

Reminders

We have gone back to our original drop off and pick up timings. The bell will ring at 8.55 and the doors will be closed.

- Morning drop off - 8:45am - 8:55am
- Afternoon pick up - 3:15pm - 3:25pm

Class names:

- Miss Lally - Pine Class
- Mrs Caliendo & Mrs Tyler - Oak Class



Useful Websites

Below are the links to some websites which the children can access at home to support their learning:

- Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>
Usernames and passwords for Purple Mash are inside the front cover of your child's reading record.
- Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team.
Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Miss Lally, Mrs Caliendo, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Shergill, Miss Ash and Miss Kauser