

Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break! Thank you for your support during our first term in Year 2. We are all very proud of the children's hard work and the progress they have made so far.

English

This half term we are going to be researching a variety of animals. We will be using our findings to write information texts and fact files about them. This will include features such as: a title, sub - headings, diagrams and bullet points. We will also be focusing on using questions marks and conjunctions within our writing. Please encourage your child at home to find out about different animals including their appearance, habitat and other interesting facts. After that, we will be looking at poetry by the Yorkshire poet Josie Whitehead. We will be reading a range of her animal poems and we will then use these to inspire our own poetry writing.

Reading Books

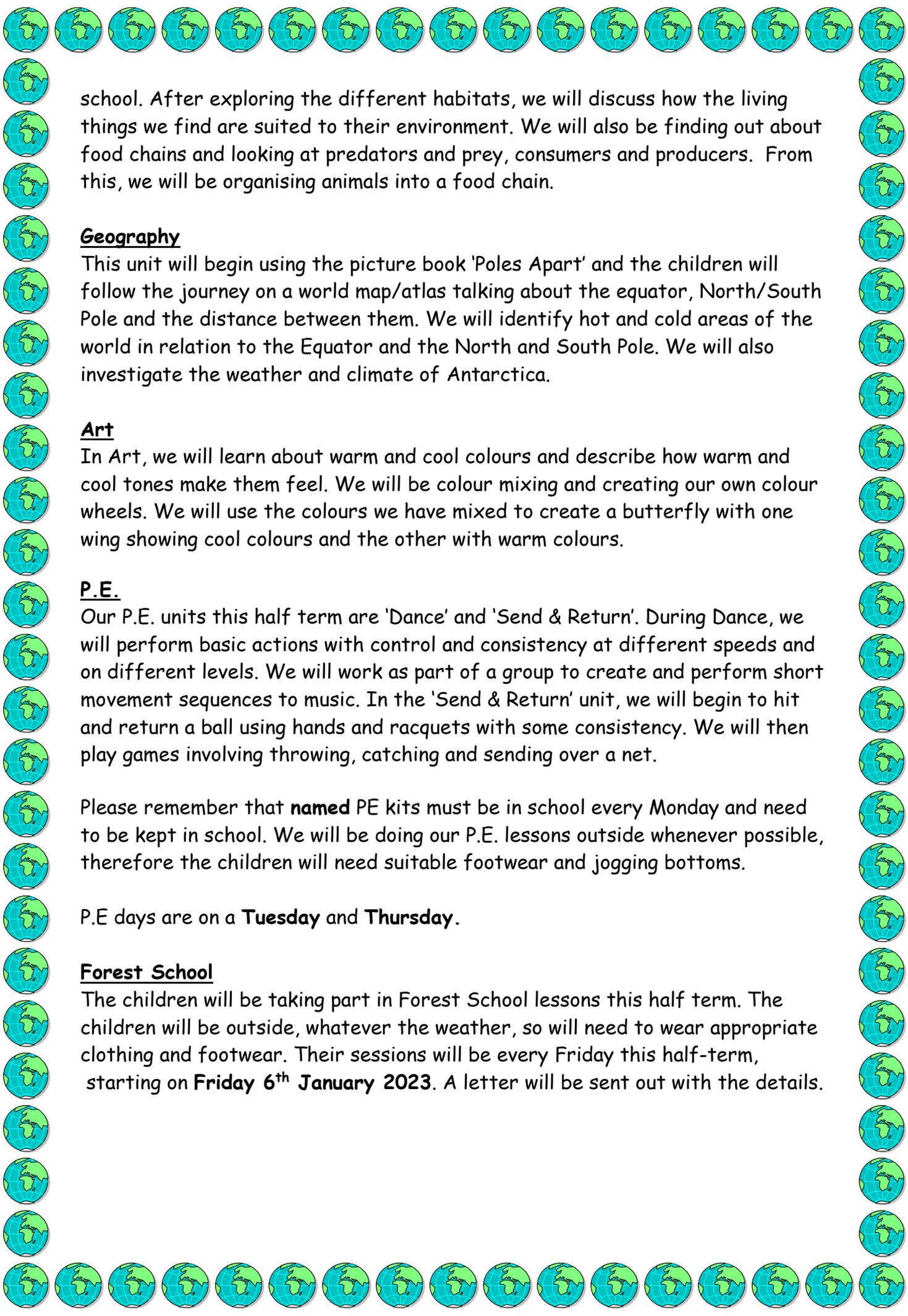
Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading, this is a skill they will be developing during Year 2. When reading, please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out 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

We will begin this term by continuing with our shape unit. The children will learn the names of 2D shapes and their properties such as sides and vertices. We will then move on to learn the names of 3D shapes and we will be counting their faces, edges and vertices. You can support your child with this by finding 2D and 3D shapes in your home and talking about their properties. We will then move onto learning about multiplication and division. The children will learn the vocabulary associated with this to help with their understanding - such as equal groups, lots of, arrays and grouping. Please support your child at home to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science

In Science we will be learning about animals and living things. We will look at the life cycle of a butterfly and investigate basic survival needs. We will be learning about different animal habitats, and we will be investigating habitats around the



school. After exploring the different habitats, we will discuss how the living things we find are suited to their environment. We will also be finding out about food chains and looking at predators and prey, consumers and producers. From this, we will be organising animals into a food chain.

Geography

This unit will begin using the picture book 'Poles Apart' and the children will follow the journey on a world map/atlas talking about the equator, North/South Pole and the distance between them. We will identify hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Pole. We will also investigate the weather and climate of Antarctica.

Art

In Art, we will learn about warm and cool colours and describe how warm and cool tones make them feel. We will be colour mixing and creating our own colour wheels. We will use the colours we have mixed to create a butterfly with one wing showing cool colours and the other with warm colours.

P.E.

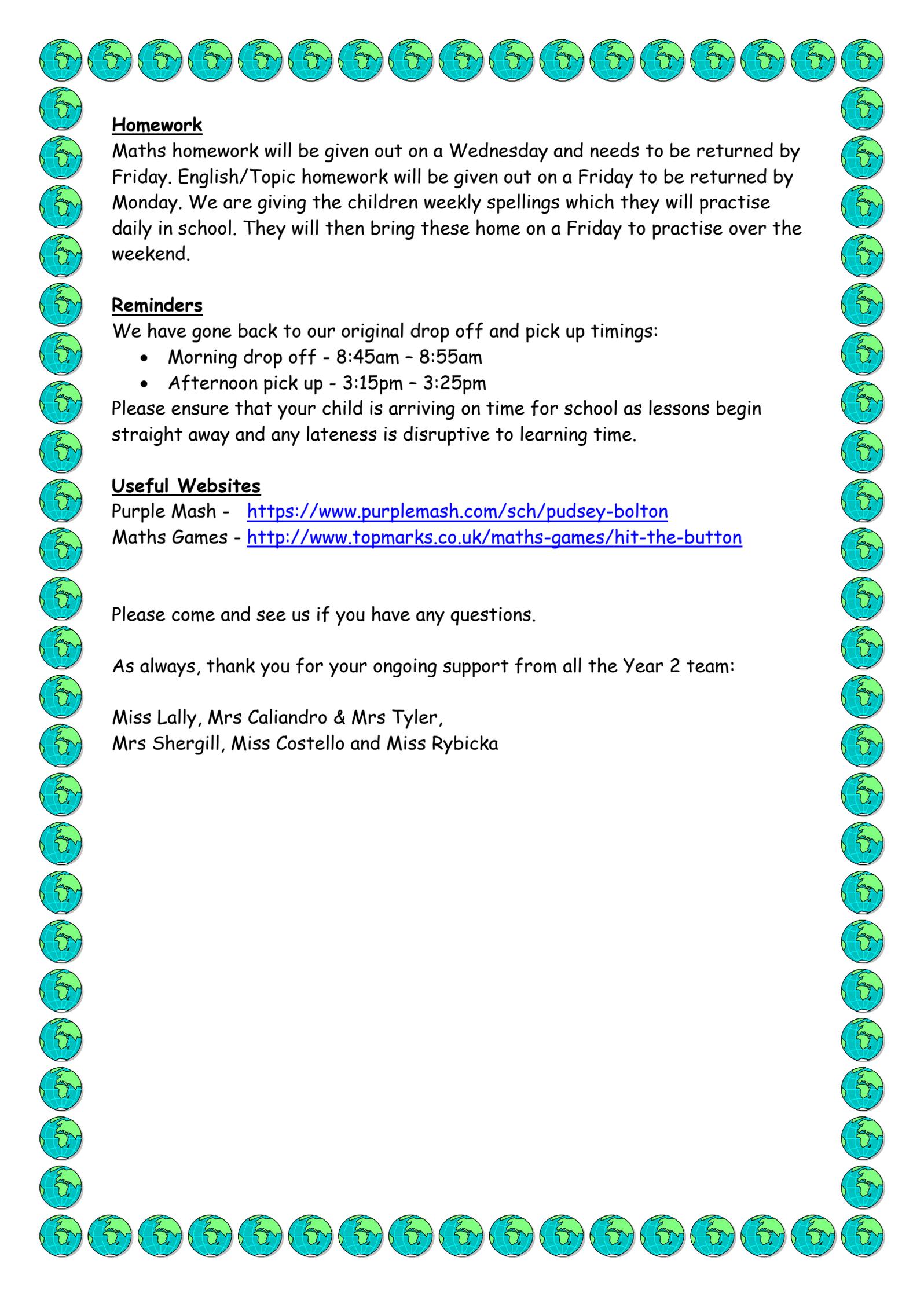
Our P.E. units this half term are 'Dance' and 'Send & Return'. During Dance, we will perform basic actions with control and consistency at different speeds and on different levels. We will work as part of a group to create and perform short movement sequences to music. In the 'Send & Return' unit, we will begin to hit and return a ball using hands and racquets with some consistency. We will then play games involving throwing, catching and sending over a net.

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

P.E days are on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Forest School

The children will be taking part in Forest School lessons this half term. The children will be outside, whatever the weather, so will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Their sessions will be every Friday this half-term, starting on **Friday 6th January 2023**. A letter will be sent out with the details.



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. We are 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:

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

Please ensure that your child is arriving on time for school as lessons begin straight away and any lateness is disruptive to learning time.

Useful Websites

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>

Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Please come and see us if you have any questions.

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

Miss Lally, Mrs Caliandro & Mrs Tyler,
Mrs Shergill, Miss Costello and Miss Rybicka