

## Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back to a new half term, we hope you had a fantastic break. We are all very excited about the new term. The children are working extremely hard and we are proud of the progress they are making! Attendance is very important, so it is vital that children come to school every day.

### English

We will be starting the half term by immersing ourselves with a variety of traditional tales. We will be focusing on reading for fluency and accuracy as well as identifying key features of traditional tales. We will then writing our own traditional tales based on a Mexican version of Cinderella, called 'Adelita'. This will link nicely to our Mexico topic. We will then be finishing the term with a unit about writing instructions. You can support your child with this by following different instructions at home. This could include following a recipe to cook something or following instructions to play a game.

### Reading Books

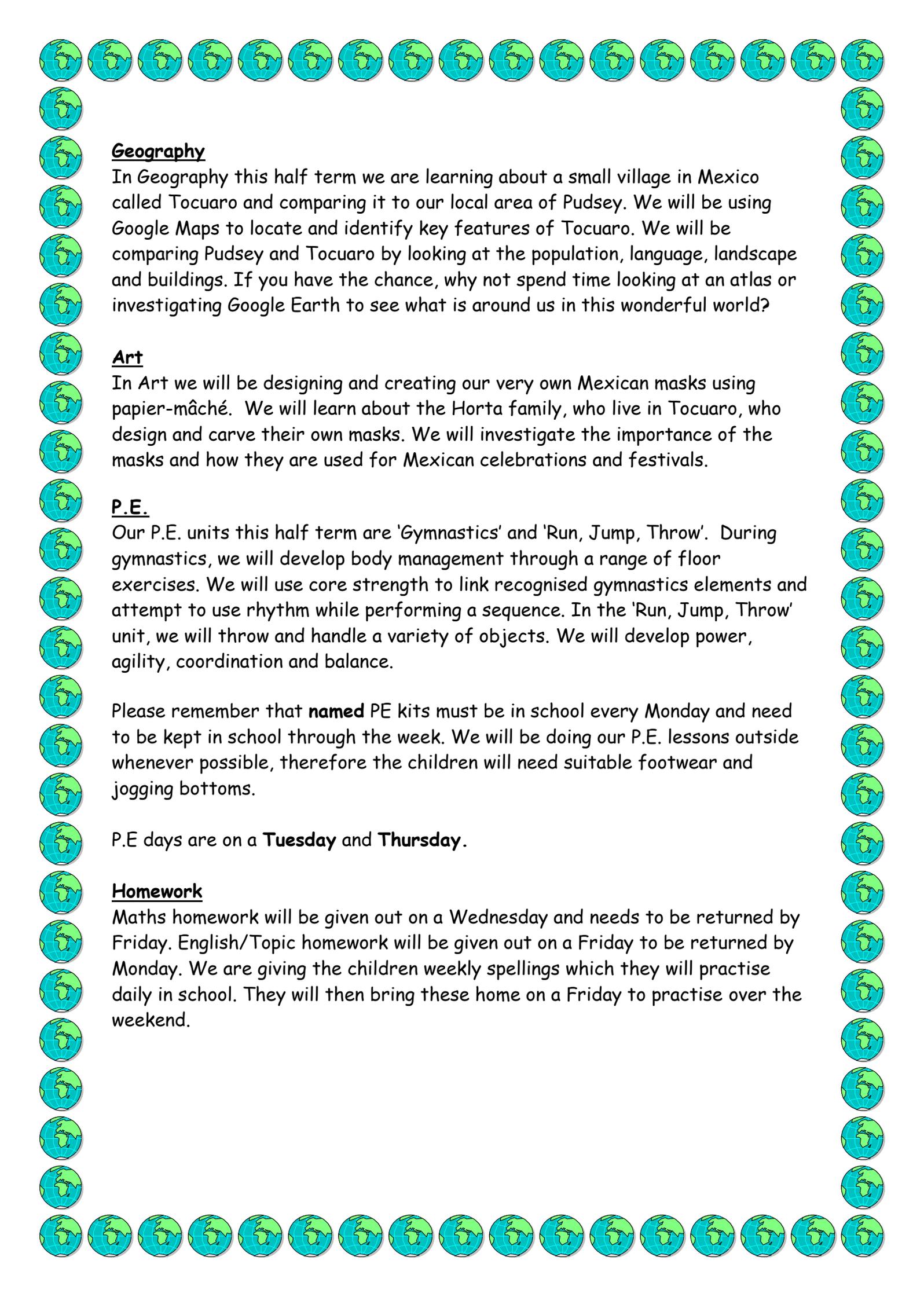
Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading and finding the exact answers to questions in the text. When reading, please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using the pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in your child's reading record when you have listened to them read with any other comments you wish to make.

### Maths

We will begin this term by continuing with our multiplication and division unit. 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. We will then move onto learning about money. We will look at the different coins and notes using the language of pence and pounds. We will count, make and compare different amounts. We will then move onto finding the change and solving two-step word problems.

### Science

In Science, we will be identifying and naming plants. We will describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature, healthy plants. We will plant our own seeds and observe the changes over time. We will then learn about what a plant needs to survive and stay healthy.



## Geography

In Geography this half term we are learning about a small village in Mexico called Tocuaro and comparing it to our local area of Pudsey. We will be using Google Maps to locate and identify key features of Tocuaro. We will be comparing Pudsey and Tocuaro by looking at the population, language, landscape and buildings. If you have the chance, why not spend time looking at an atlas or investigating Google Earth to see what is around us in this wonderful world?

## Art

In Art we will be designing and creating our very own Mexican masks using papier-mâché. We will learn about the Horta family, who live in Tocuaro, who design and carve their own masks. We will investigate the importance of the masks and how they are used for Mexican celebrations and festivals.

## P.E.

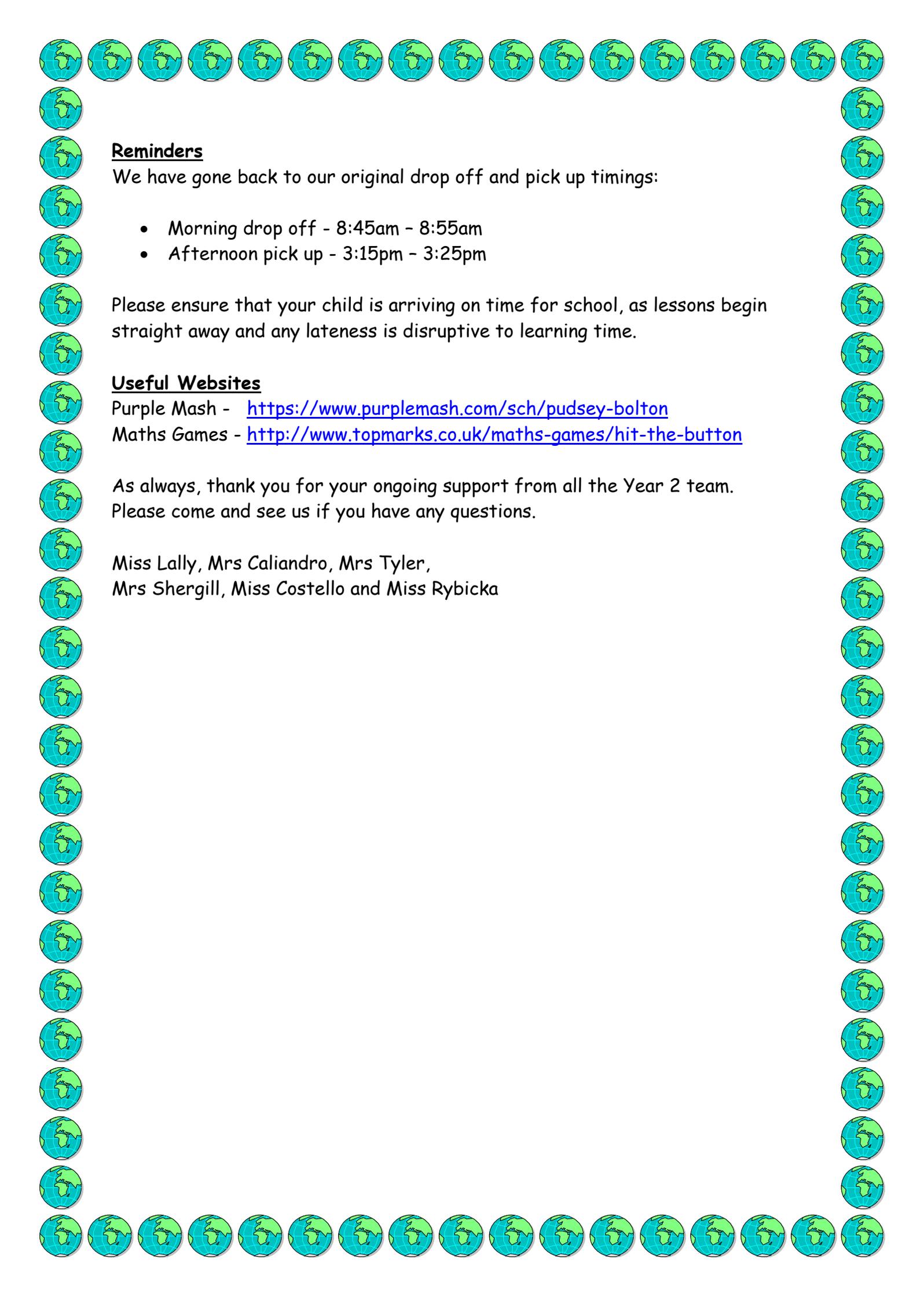
Our P.E. units this half term are 'Gymnastics' and 'Run, Jump, Throw'. During gymnastics, we will develop body management through a range of floor exercises. We will use core strength to link recognised gymnastics elements and attempt to use rhythm while performing a sequence. In the 'Run, Jump, Throw' unit, we will throw and handle a variety of objects. We will develop power, agility, coordination and balance.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school through the week. 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**.

## 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>

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

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