



## KS1 Class Newsletter – Autumn 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all! We hope you and your children have had a wonderful rest and are ready for a new challenge in KS1 Class. We know we are! The curriculum is jam packed, fun and exciting and we hope the children will enjoy this year immensely.

### Topic

We will kick start the year with an exciting topic named 'Peter Rabbit and Friends.' The children will learn about the life of Beatrix Potter and will work with her best known tales. We also hope to visit *Peter Rabbit World* later in the half term; more information will follow.

### Literacy

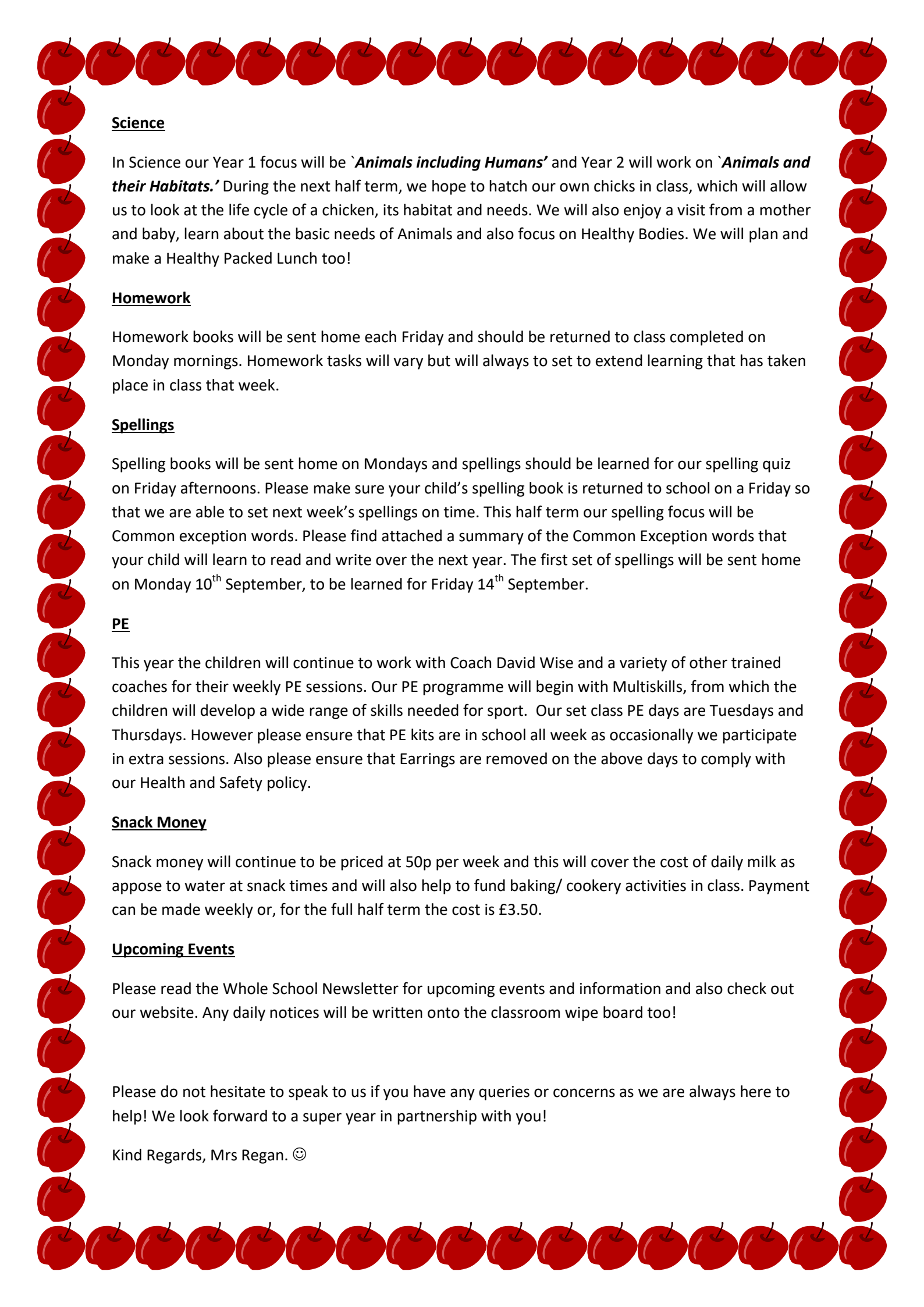
This half term in Literacy, we will look at a range of different types of writing, including, descriptive writing, instructions, story writing, recounts and poetry. We will read a number of stories written by Beatrix Potter, with well known favourites such as *The tale of the naughty Little Rabbit*. We will develop our reading skills through guided reading and comprehension activities. Also some children will start to join up in handwriting. Finally we intend to celebrate some special Literacy events, including Roald Dahl day on September 13<sup>th</sup> and National Poetry Day on September 28<sup>th</sup>, but please note we will not dress up for either days. The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions and will also be introduced to Year 1 and 2 SPAG concepts (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

### Maths

This half term, we will be working on a Mastery style of Maths. This approach to Maths allows the children to understand the concepts they learn in great depth, and, is very hands on, with lots and lots of practical learning. The Year 1 pupils will be working on Number Recognition and Number Worth and the Year 2 focus will be Place Value.

### Reading

Your child will read in class with a trained adult at least once a week and this will be recorded in their reading record. They will also take part in daily phonics sessions, shared and guided reading and comprehension activities. Also each **Monday**, your child will have the opportunity to change their library book in our newly developed Class Library! Please make sure that they come to school each day with their reading book and record and return their library book to class on Mondays. We will continue to offer the Book Drop basket for those of you wishing to change Reading books more frequently and this facility will be available each day. So if you need a new reading book, pop your child's book and reading record into the drop box at the top of the stairs. We will continue to work with Alison, our school PCSO, and continue her wonderful reading sessions in school as the children enjoyed them greatly. Also we will hold a Reading Challenge during the last fortnight of each half term; more information will follow. Over the next week or two you will find your child's Reading Target card attached to their Reading Record. Please support them to work on their reading target at home.



## Science

In Science our Year 1 focus will be '*Animals including Humans*' and Year 2 will work on '*Animals and their Habitats*.' During the next half term, we hope to hatch our own chicks in class, which will allow us to look at the life cycle of a chicken, its habitat and needs. We will also enjoy a visit from a mother and baby, learn about the basic needs of Animals and also focus on Healthy Bodies. We will plan and make a Healthy Packed Lunch too!

## Homework

Homework books will be sent home each Friday and should be returned to class completed on Monday mornings. Homework tasks will vary but will always be set to extend learning that has taken place in class that week.

## Spellings

Spelling books will be sent home on Mondays and spellings should be learned for our spelling quiz on Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child's spelling book is returned to school on a Friday so that we are able to set next week's spellings on time. This half term our spelling focus will be Common exception words. Please find attached a summary of the Common Exception words that your child will learn to read and write over the next year. The first set of spellings will be sent home on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, to be learned for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## PE

This year the children will continue to work with Coach David Wise and a variety of other trained coaches for their weekly PE sessions. Our PE programme will begin with Multiskills, from which the children will develop a wide range of skills needed for sport. Our set class PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. However please ensure that PE kits are in school all week as occasionally we participate in extra sessions. Also please ensure that Earrings are removed on the above days to comply with our Health and Safety policy.

## Snack Money

Snack money will continue to be priced at 50p per week and this will cover the cost of daily milk as appose to water at snack times and will also help to fund baking/ cookery activities in class. Payment can be made weekly or, for the full half term the cost is £3.50.

## Upcoming Events

Please read the Whole School Newsletter for upcoming events and information and also check out our website. Any daily notices will be written onto the classroom wipe board too!

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns as we are always here to help! We look forward to a super year in partnership with you!

Kind Regards, Mrs Regan. ☺