



# Year 1 Newsletter

November 2018

Dear Parents,

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

## Religion Topic

'From Advent to Christmas': During this topic we will explore and explain the meaning of Advent, the Advent wreath and Advent prayers. We will recount the birth of Jesus according to Luke. We will learn about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The children will also be learning about the Hindu festival 'Diwali- the festival of light.'

## Literacy

The children will be learning about writing for different purposes, for example; lists, letters, reports etc.

The children will be continuing to work on their cursive letter formation, reminding the children that each letter starts at the bottom of the slope. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in the correct places when writing simple sentences. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing.

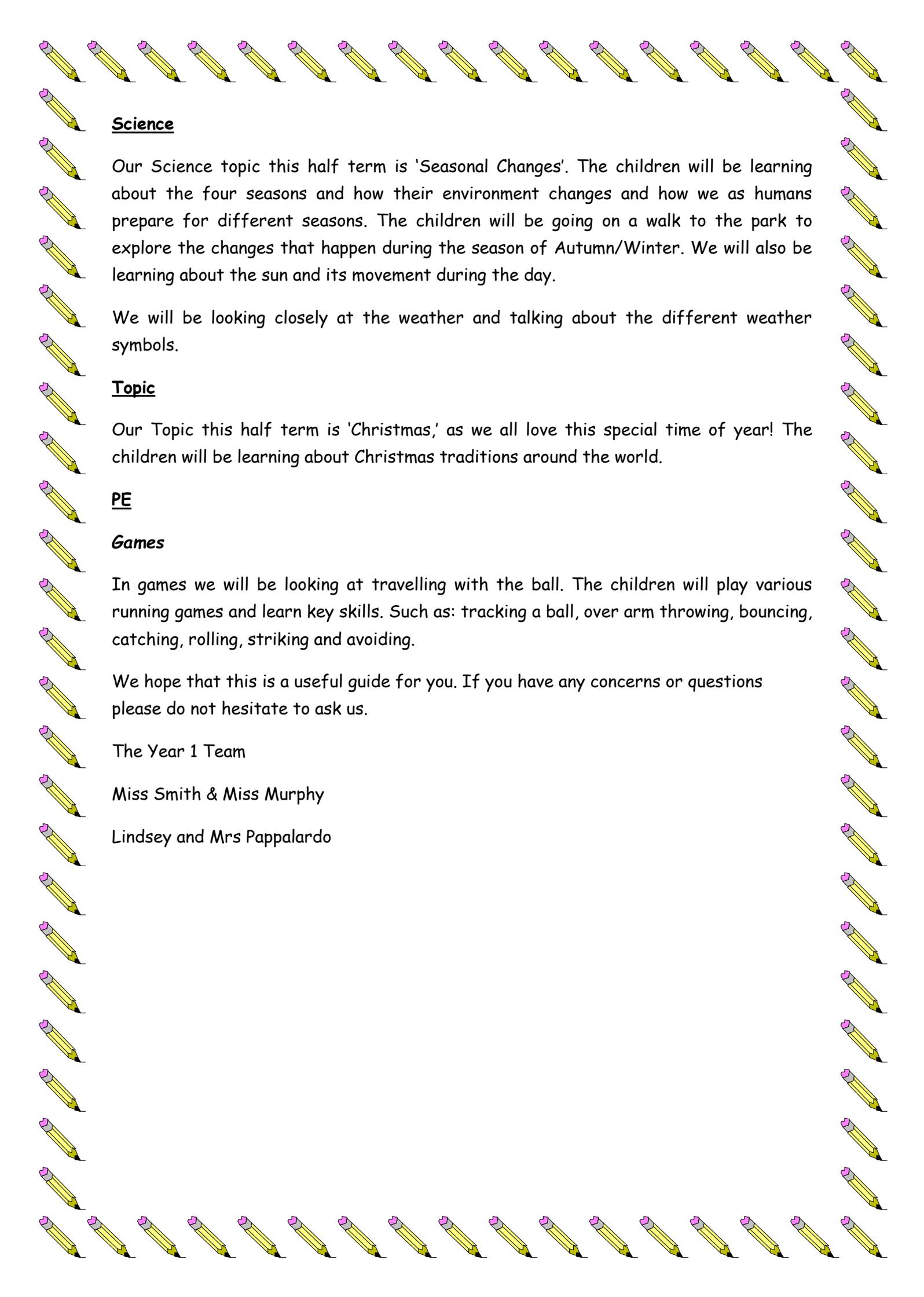
Please continue to read with your child every night at home when possible.

## Numeracy

This half term we will continue to read and write numbers to 20 and beyond.

The children will be learning how to double and halve numbers. We will start by using objects and then move on to numbers. When we learn about halving we will introduce the concept by halving shapes, then objects and then move on to numbers.

The children will begin to sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening]. The children will begin to learn the time - o'clock and half past and identify hour and minute hands. We will also be using appropriate vocabulary relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years.



## Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Seasonal Changes'. The children will be learning about the four seasons and how their environment changes and how we as humans prepare for different seasons. The children will be going on a walk to the park to explore the changes that happen during the season of Autumn/Winter. We will also be learning about the sun and its movement during the day.

We will be looking closely at the weather and talking about the different weather symbols.

## Topic

Our Topic this half term is 'Christmas,' as we all love this special time of year! The children will be learning about Christmas traditions around the world.

## PE

### *Games*

In games we will be looking at travelling with the ball. The children will play various running games and learn key skills. Such as: tracking a ball, over arm throwing, bouncing, catching, rolling, striking and avoiding.

We hope that this is a useful guide for you. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

The Year 1 Team

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