



# Year 1 Newsletter.

April 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable Easter break.

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.

## Religion Topic

Our topic this half term is 'From Easter to Pentecost'. During this topic your child will learn the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will look at the opportunities today to live and share life following the example of Jesus. The children will learn about The Holy spirit as the Helper Jesus promised his Church.

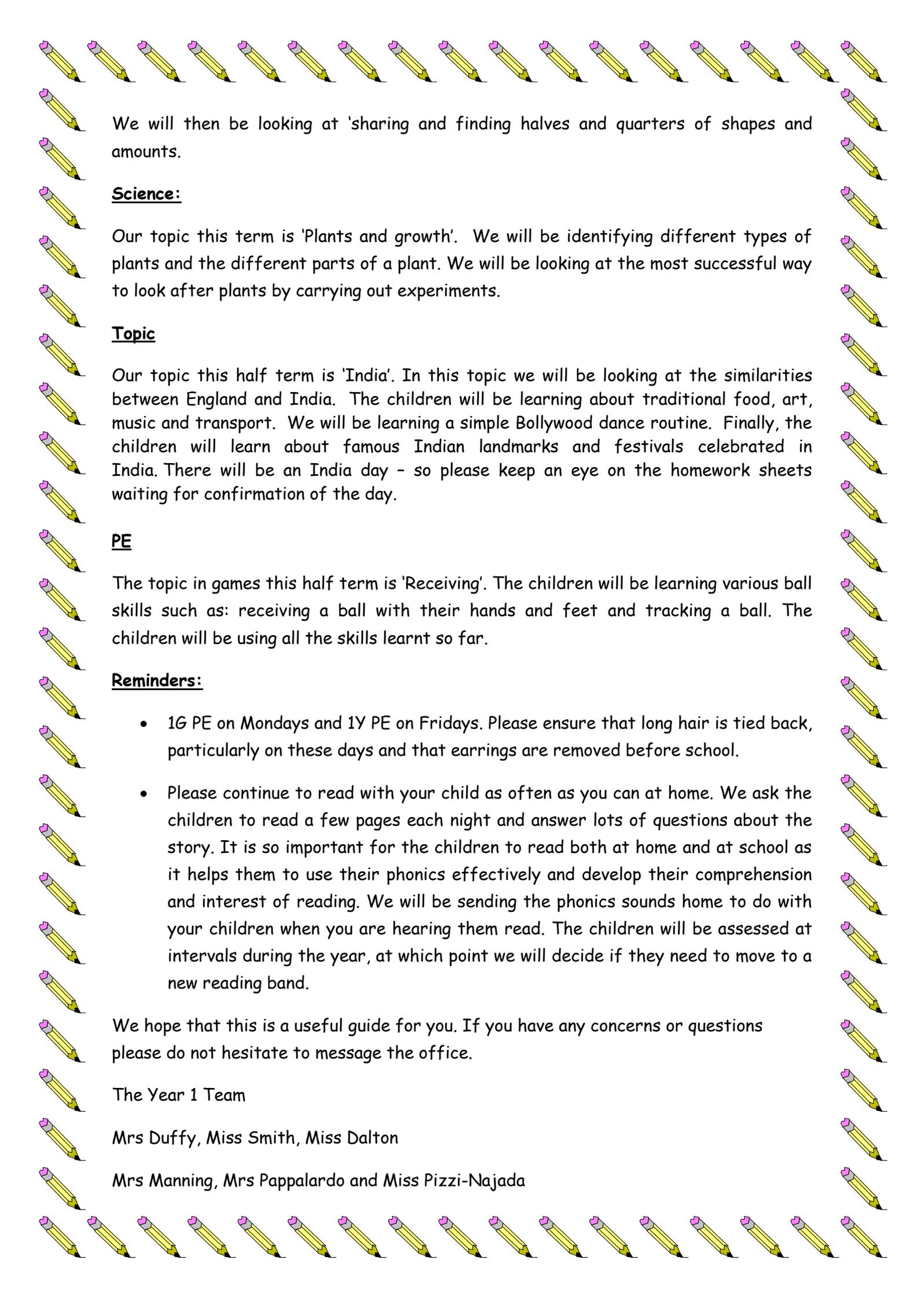
## Literacy

This half term we will be looking at the book Pattan's Pumpkin, linking to both plants and India. The children will be continuing to work on their cursive letter formation and the use of capital letters and full stops in the correct places. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing. We will be encouraging the children to use WOW words (describing words) to enhance their writing. We would like your continued support at home to help the children write simple, coherent sentences.

## Numeracy

This half term we will be focussing on multiplication. In this unit the children will be counting reliably in steps of 2, 5 and 10. They will be able to use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to find the total of a given number of equal groups, including repeated addition. They will be able to create arrays based on the numbers given to them. Children will use their understanding to solve word problems.

Following on from multiplication, the children will develop their understanding of division. Children are introduced to the concept of equal groups, represented in various concrete, pictorial and abstract ways, including the number line. The unit then looks at division in the context of sharing equally. Children will share a given number of objects equally across a given number of groups to find out how many are in each group. Children will use their understanding of division to solve simple word problems.



We will then be looking at 'sharing and finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.

**Science:**

Our topic this term is 'Plants and growth'. We will be identifying different types of plants and the different parts of a plant. We will be looking at the most successful way to look after plants by carrying out experiments.

**Topic**

Our topic this half term is 'India'. In this topic we will be looking at the similarities between England and India. The children will be learning about traditional food, art, music and transport. We will be learning a simple Bollywood dance routine. Finally, the children will learn about famous Indian landmarks and festivals celebrated in India. There will be an India day - so please keep an eye on the homework sheets waiting for confirmation of the day.

**PE**

The topic in games this half term is 'Receiving'. The children will be learning various ball skills such as: receiving a ball with their hands and feet and tracking a ball. The children will be using all the skills learnt so far.

**Reminders:**

- 1G PE on Mondays and 1Y PE on Fridays. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on these days and that earrings are removed before school.
- Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. We will be sending the phonics sounds home to do with your children when you are hearing them read. The children will be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band.

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

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