



# Year 1 Newsletter.

January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families have had a relaxing Christmas break ready for the start of the new term.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning during this 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

*'Being a Sacramental people.'* Our new topic links the life of Jesus to the 7 sacraments. Having celebrated the birth of Jesus we ask where God is, now. The answer is, in our world, with us. We will be focusing on the sacraments of healing and learning about how we as Catholics are a Sacramental people.

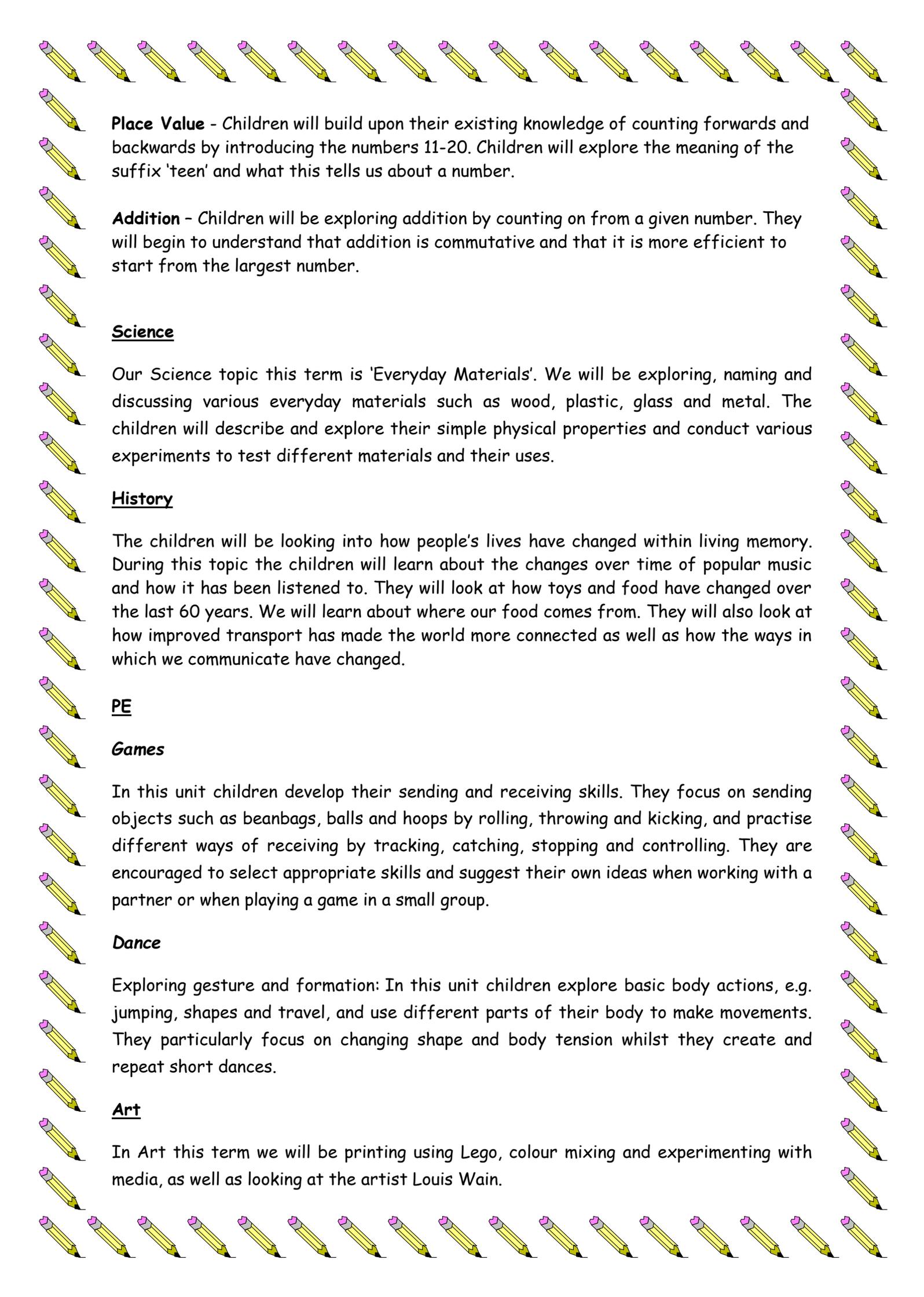
**Key Vocabulary for this topic:** Sacramental people, God, Sacraments, healing, anointing, words, actions, symbols, 'make present', presence of God, oil, rings, bread and wine, water, Sin, Reconciliation, Penance, sorrow, making things right, holy, sacred, grace filled.

## Literacy

We will be focusing on the story 'The Jolly Postman' following the Power of Reading scheme. The Jolly Postman offers a range of styles and purposes for writing that the children can use to support their own writing. The text contains references to a large number of rhymes and stories, which can be read or re-read with the children. For this reason, the story supports inference about known characters and supports the children to consider the implications of characters' actions. The book also contains a number of playful features visually and within the words which are fun to explore.

## Numeracy

**Shape** -Children will name simple three-dimensional shapes: cuboids (including cubes), cylinders, pyramids, cones and spheres. Children will start to consider the 2-D shapes they can see on the faces of 3-D shapes which will support them when looking at 2-D shapes later in the block.



**Place Value** - Children will build upon their existing knowledge of counting forwards and backwards by introducing the numbers 11-20. Children will explore the meaning of the suffix 'teen' and what this tells us about a number.

**Addition** - Children will be exploring addition by counting on from a given number. They will begin to understand that addition is commutative and that it is more efficient to start from the largest number.

### Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be exploring, naming and discussing various everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass and metal. The children will describe and explore their simple physical properties and conduct various experiments to test different materials and their uses.

### History

The children will be looking into how people's lives have changed within living memory. During this topic the children will learn about the changes over time of popular music and how it has been listened to. They will look at how toys and food have changed over the last 60 years. We will learn about where our food comes from. They will also look at how improved transport has made the world more connected as well as how the ways in which we communicate have changed.

### PE

#### **Games**

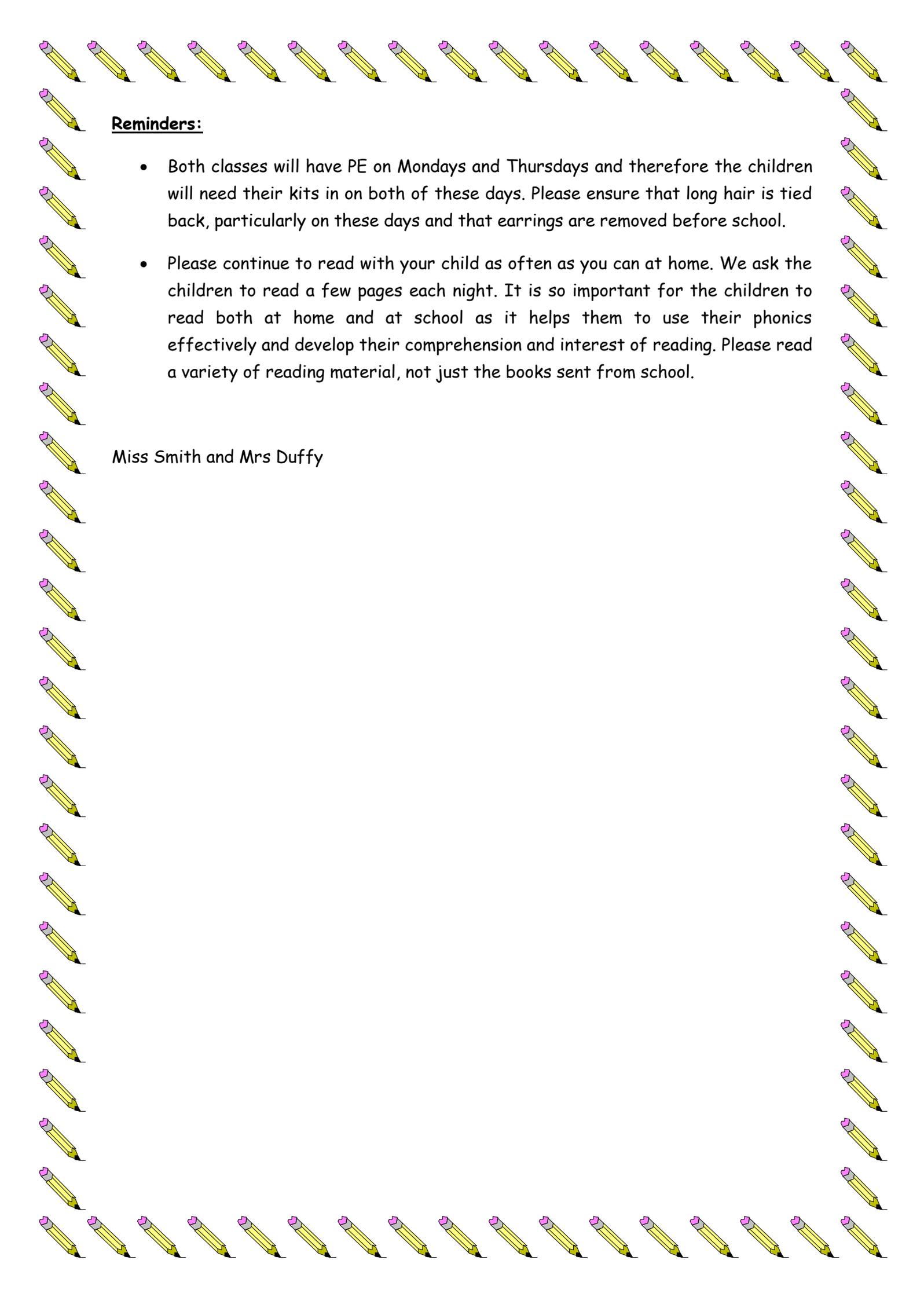
In this unit children develop their sending and receiving skills. They focus on sending objects such as beanbags, balls and hoops by rolling, throwing and kicking, and practise different ways of receiving by tracking, catching, stopping and controlling. They are encouraged to select appropriate skills and suggest their own ideas when working with a partner or when playing a game in a small group.

#### **Dance**

Exploring gesture and formation: In this unit children explore basic body actions, e.g. jumping, shapes and travel, and use different parts of their body to make movements. They particularly focus on changing shape and body tension whilst they create and repeat short dances.

### Art

In Art this term we will be printing using Lego, colour mixing and experimenting with media, as well as looking at the artist Louis Wain.



**Reminders:**

- Both classes will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays and therefore the children will need their kits in on both of these days. 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. 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. Please read a variety of reading material, not just the books sent from school.

Miss Smith and Mrs Duffy