



# Year 2 Newsletter.

January 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term 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 but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

## Religion:

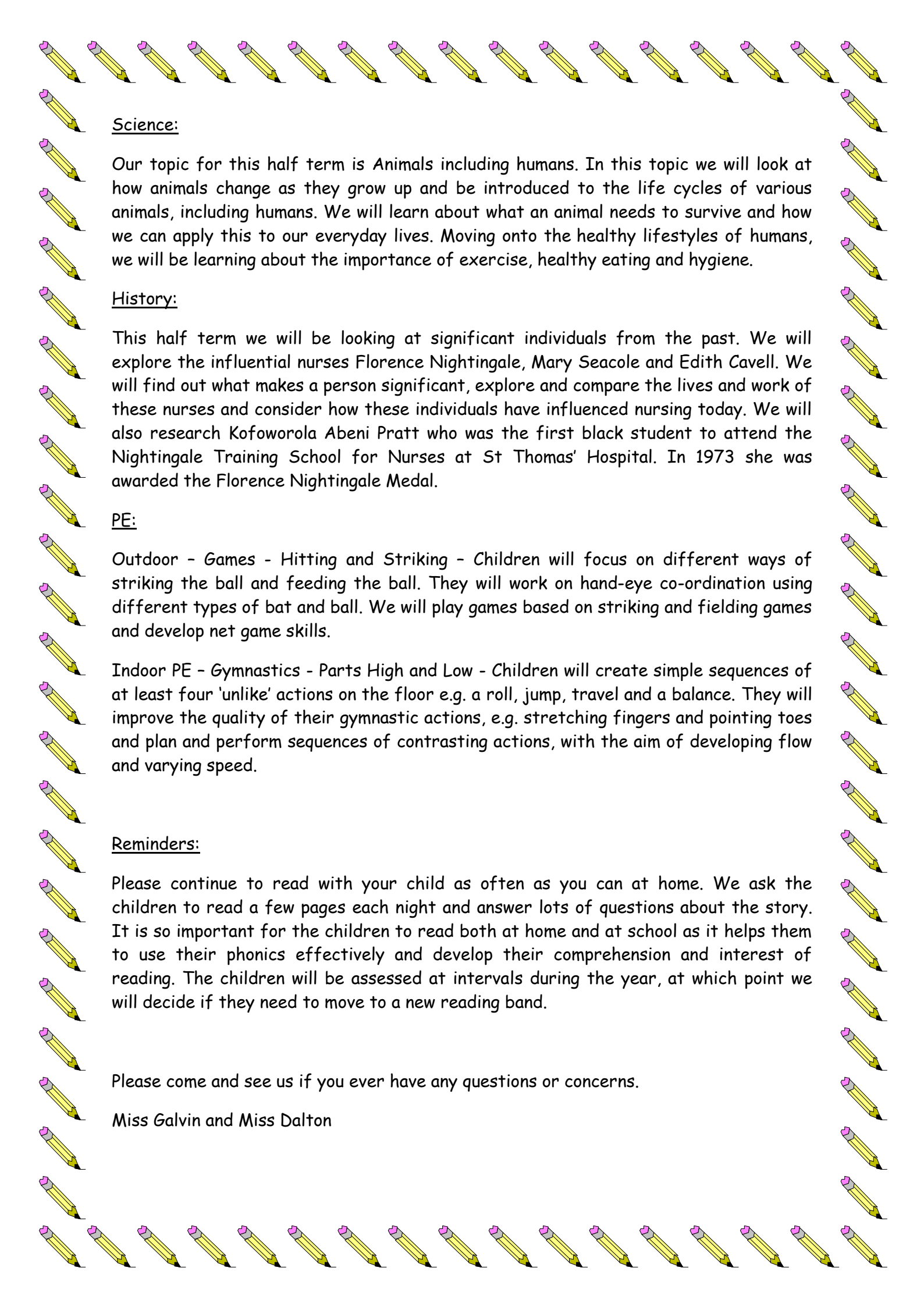
Our topic this half term is 'Being a Sacramental People'. Being a Sacramental people means that whether we ask for it or not, we believe that God is present in our lives. We will consider the question Where is God, now? We will think about how we celebrate the presence of God in the Church. The Church has a set of rituals to mark events in life: The seven Sacraments. The Sacraments of Healing strengthen and encourage us in times of difficulty. We will recognise that people act in particular ways because of their faith and describe some of the signs, symbols, words and actions in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Literacy

This half term we will be using the text Beegu by Alexis Deacon. This is a tale about an outer space character that becomes stranded on earth when his spaceship suddenly breaks down. The story is all about Beegu's search for friendship on earth and the struggles that he faces when doing so. We are looking forward to becoming immersed in this amazing text and completing lots of role play, creating our own illustrations, completing different writing opportunities like story maps, describing characters and settings. This book will be a slow reveal over the coming weeks.

## Numeracy

For the first part of this half term we will be looking at money. Year 2 focuses on recognising coins and notes then counting money using notes and coins. We will then select money to make an amount and find different ways to make the same amount. This will lead us on to comparing money amounts (greater/ less than/ equal to), finding the total, difference and change. Children will also look at two step money word problems relating to real life experiences. For the second part of the half term we will be looking at multiplication. We will start this area by looking at making equal groups, adding equal groups and making arrays. This will help us to start writing multiplication sentences using the x symbol.



Science:

Our topic for this half term is Animals including humans. In this topic we will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to the life cycles of various animals, including humans. We will learn about what an animal needs to survive and how we can apply this to our everyday lives. Moving onto the healthy lifestyles of humans, we will be learning about the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.

History:

This half term we will be looking at significant individuals from the past. We will explore the influential nurses Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. We will find out what makes a person significant, explore and compare the lives and work of these nurses and consider how these individuals have influenced nursing today. We will also research Kofoworola Abeni Pratt who was the first black student to attend the Nightingale Training School for Nurses at St Thomas' Hospital. In 1973 she was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal.

PE:

Outdoor - Games - Hitting and Striking - Children will focus on different ways of striking the ball and feeding the ball. They will work on hand-eye co-ordination using different types of bat and ball. We will play games based on striking and fielding games and develop net game skills.

Indoor PE - Gymnastics - Parts High and Low - Children will create simple sequences of at least four 'unlike' actions on the floor e.g. a roll, jump, travel and a balance. They will improve the quality of their gymnastic actions, e.g. stretching fingers and pointing toes and plan and perform sequences of contrasting actions, with the aim of developing flow and varying speed.

Reminders:

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. 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.

Please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Galvin and Miss Dalton