



Year 1 Newsletter.

March 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 Topic

Our topic this half term is 'From Lent to Easter'. During this topic your child will be learning about the signs, symbols and religious terms which celebrate the Season of Lent. We will also be learning about some of the actions which are part of the Liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The key terminology for this topic is listed below: *Passion, Passover, Last Supper, Penance, Lent, Ashes, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Week, almsgiving, crucifix, Stations of the Cross, suffering, Triduum, transubstantiation.*

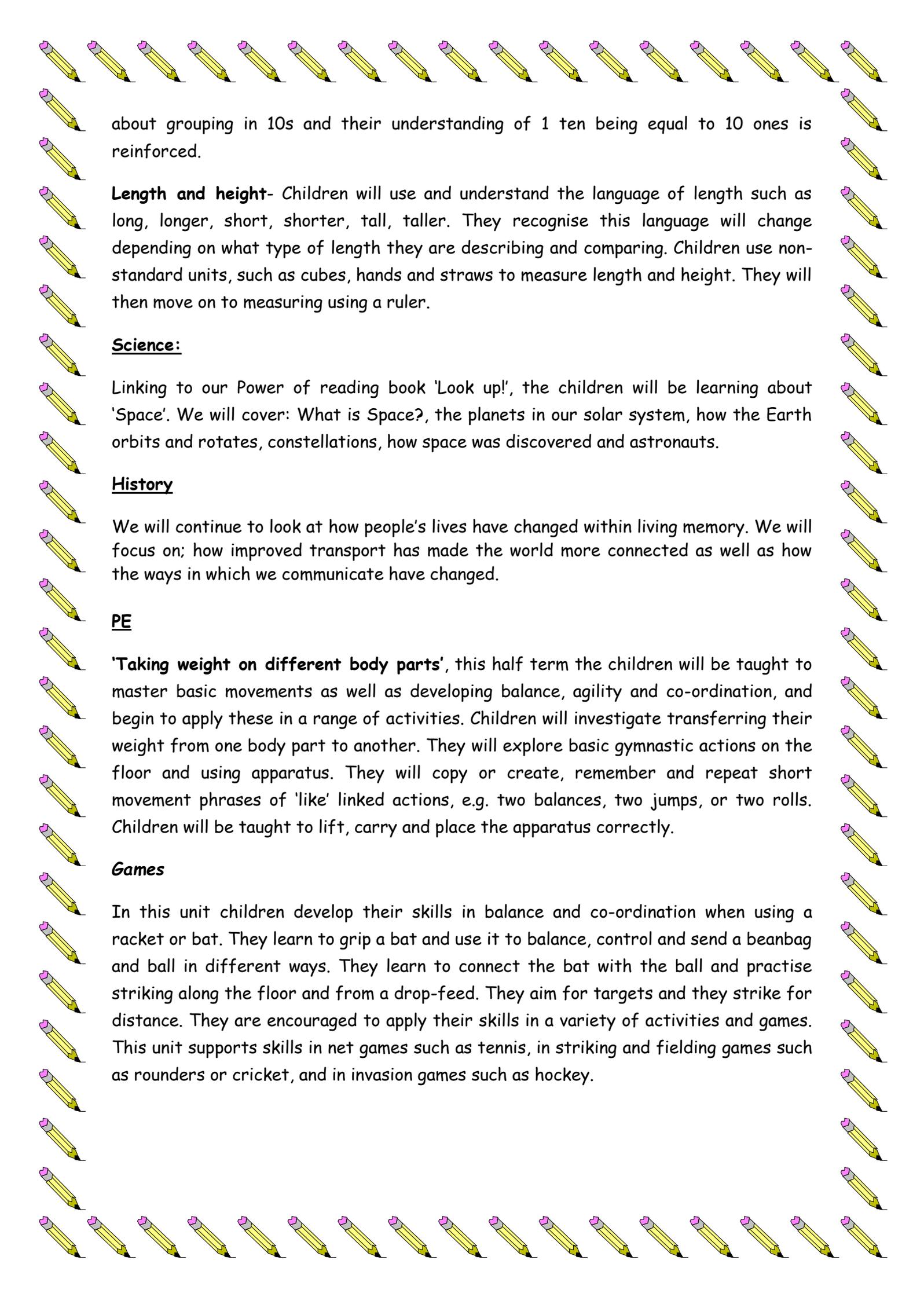
Literacy

We will be focusing on the story 'Look Up!' following the Power of Reading scheme. 'Look Up!' offers a range of styles and purposes for writing that the children can use to support their own writing. This text offers the children an engaging stimulus for creative response to text, a model for their own writing with a focus and stimulus for both fiction and non-fiction writing. The book encourages the children to think about character development and setting in narrative fiction. The characters are well drawn and themes provoke an emotional response.

Numeracy

Subtraction- The children will be exploring subtraction by counting back from a given number using a number line. Children build on the language of subtraction, recognising and using the subtraction symbol within 20. The use of zero is important so children know that when nothing is taken away, the start number remains the same or when the whole group is taken away, there will be nothing left.

Place value within 50- Children will count forwards and backwards within 50. They will use a number track to support where needed, in particular crossing the tens boundaries and with teen numbers. Children build on previous learning of numbers to 20. They learn



about grouping in 10s and their understanding of 1 ten being equal to 10 ones is reinforced.

Length and height- Children will use and understand the language of length such as long, longer, short, shorter, tall, taller. They recognise this language will change depending on what type of length they are describing and comparing. Children use non-standard units, such as cubes, hands and straws to measure length and height. They will then move on to measuring using a ruler.

Science:

Linking to our Power of reading book 'Look up!', the children will be learning about 'Space'. We will cover: What is Space?, the planets in our solar system, how the Earth orbits and rotates, constellations, how space was discovered and astronauts.

History

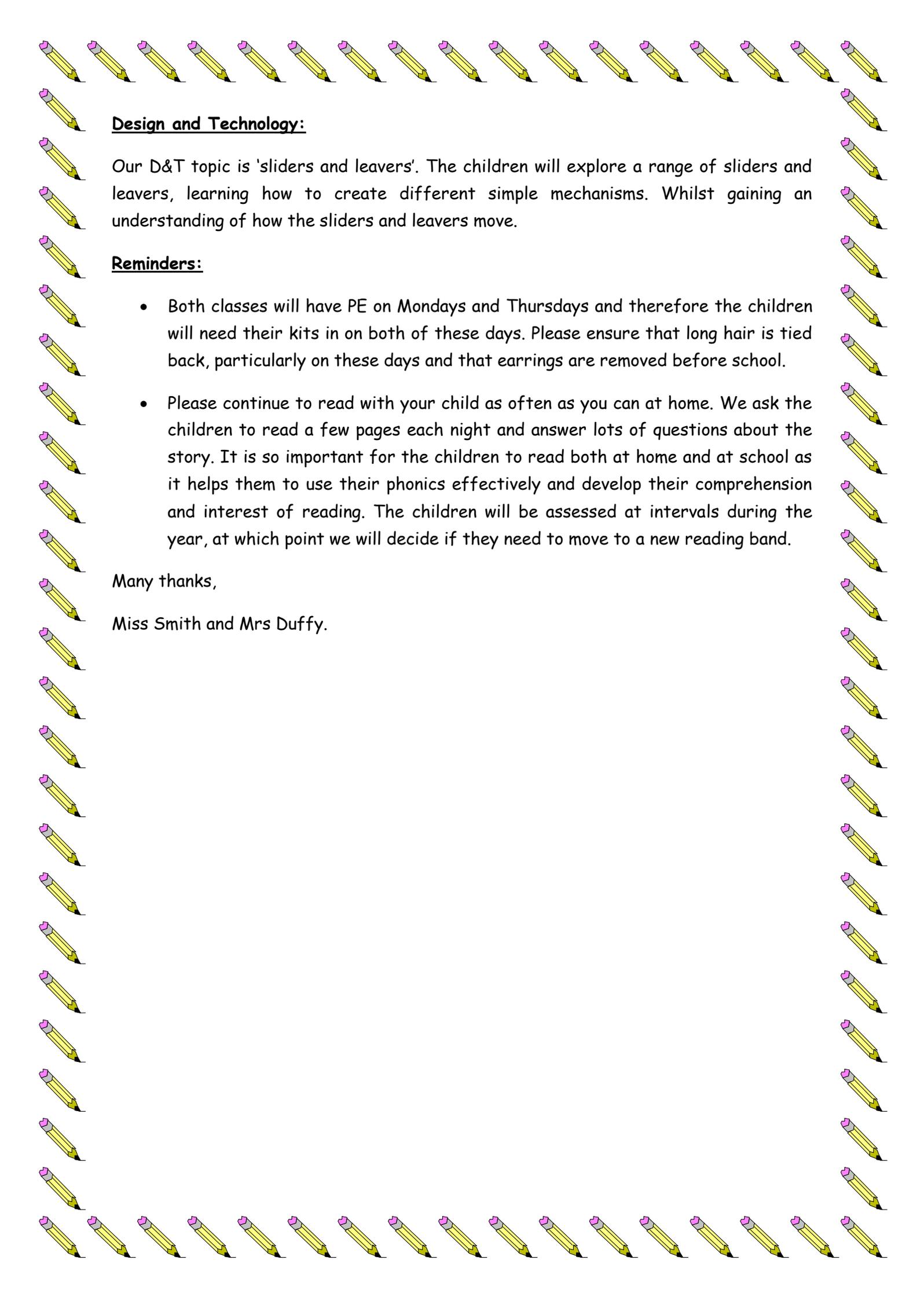
We will continue to look at how people's lives have changed within living memory. We will focus on; how improved transport has made the world more connected as well as how the ways in which we communicate have changed.

PE

'**Taking weight on different body parts**', this half term the children will be taught to master basic movements as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities. Children will investigate transferring their weight from one body part to another. They will explore basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus. They will copy or create, remember and repeat short movement phrases of 'like' linked actions, e.g. two balances, two jumps, or two rolls. Children will be taught to lift, carry and place the apparatus correctly.

Games

In this unit children develop their skills in balance and co-ordination when using a racket or bat. They learn to grip a bat and use it to balance, control and send a beanbag and ball in different ways. They learn to connect the bat with the ball and practise striking along the floor and from a drop-feed. They aim for targets and they strike for distance. They are encouraged to apply their skills in a variety of activities and games. This unit supports skills in net games such as tennis, in striking and fielding games such as rounders or cricket, and in invasion games such as hockey.



Design and Technology:

Our D&T topic is 'sliders and leavers'. The children will explore a range of sliders and leavers, learning how to create different simple mechanisms. Whilst gaining an understanding of how the sliders and leavers move.

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 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.

Many thanks,

Miss Smith and Mrs Duffy.