

Reception Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents,

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about in the Spring Term. We continue to follow the EYFS framework. There are 7 areas of learning. These are, communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. This newsletter is to help you support your child's learning at home. Please remember, every child develops at their own pace. The aims listed below are for the next term and may be continued into Summer Term. We will be covering several topics this term, which will be influenced by the children's interests.

Religion Topic

Our topics for this term are 'People of Prayer' and 'Lent to Holy Week'. Children will learn about the special celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. The children will also be taught the Lord's prayer and learn why it is an important part of Christian prayer and life. The children will learn about the season of Lent and hear Matthews' account of the passion of Jesus. The children will be taught about Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

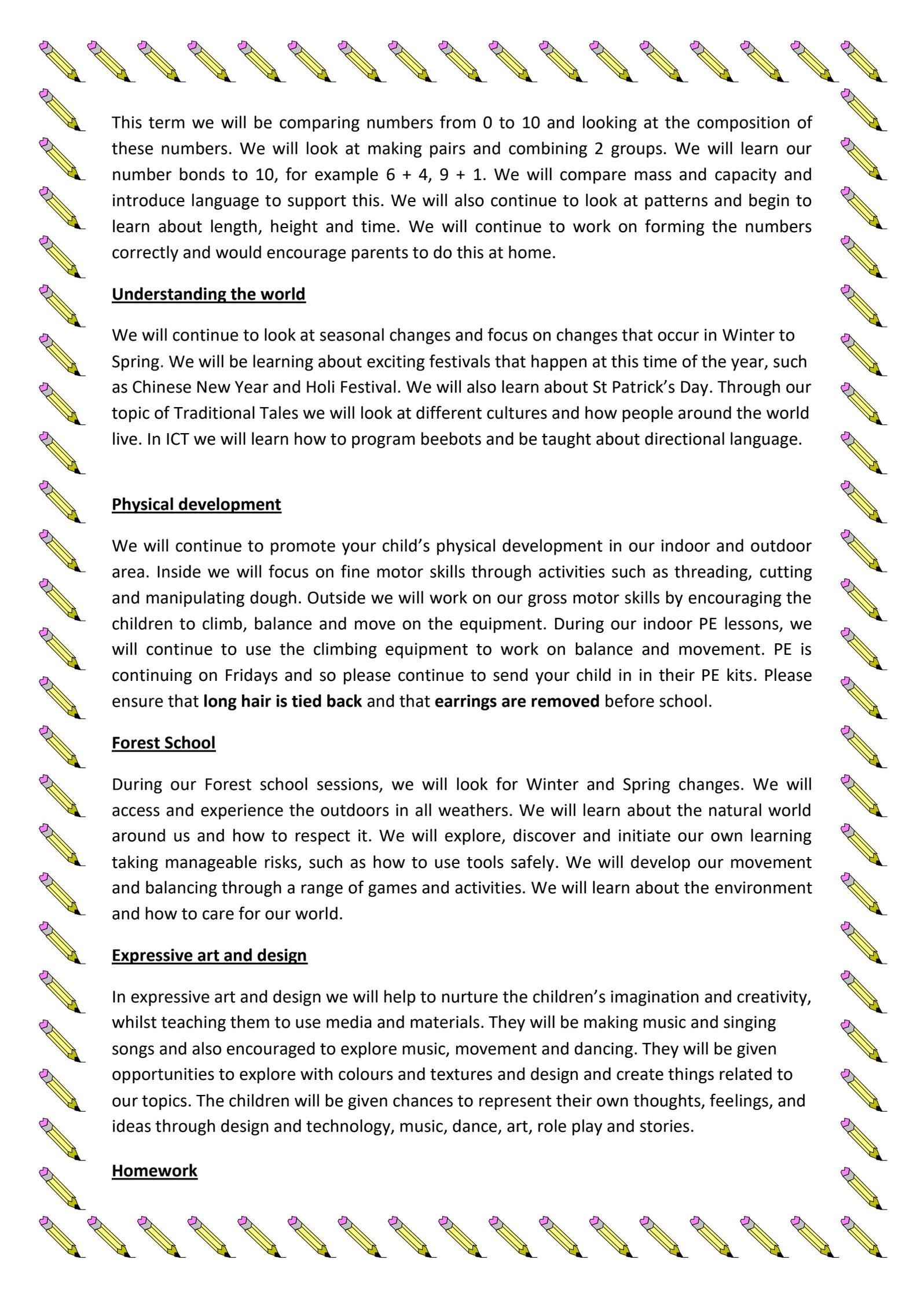
Reading

The children are continuing to learn sounds for reading and writing. The children will also continue to learn the red words (words they can't sound out). Please continue to read with your child every night at home whether it is their sound ring or book we have sent home. We will continue to work on the children blending CVC words and reading and understanding simple sentences.

Literacy

In literacy, we are exploring the story Ruby's Worry. We will be talking about how Ruby feels throughout the story and linking this to our own thoughts and feelings. We will be looking closely at the illustrations and words in the book and using them for discussions. We will begin to develop the children's writing skills further by encouraging them to use their knowledge of sounds to spell words and to use their red words in writing. We will begin to encourage children to write simple sentences. We will introduce punctuation, such as the use of full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

Maths



This term we will be comparing numbers from 0 to 10 and looking at the composition of these numbers. We will look at making pairs and combining 2 groups. We will learn our number bonds to 10, for example $6 + 4$, $9 + 1$. We will compare mass and capacity and introduce language to support this. We will also continue to look at patterns and begin to learn about length, height and time. We will continue to work on forming the numbers correctly and would encourage parents to do this at home.

Understanding the world

We will continue to look at seasonal changes and focus on changes that occur in Winter to Spring. We will be learning about exciting festivals that happen at this time of the year, such as Chinese New Year and Holi Festival. We will also learn about St Patrick's Day. Through our topic of Traditional Tales we will look at different cultures and how people around the world live. In ICT we will learn how to program beebots and be taught about directional language.

Physical development

We will continue to promote your child's physical development in our indoor and outdoor area. Inside we will focus on fine motor skills through activities such as threading, cutting and manipulating dough. Outside we will work on our gross motor skills by encouraging the children to climb, balance and move on the equipment. During our indoor PE lessons, we will continue to use the climbing equipment to work on balance and movement. PE is continuing on Fridays and so please continue to send your child in in their PE kits. Please ensure that **long hair is tied back** and that **earrings are removed** before school.

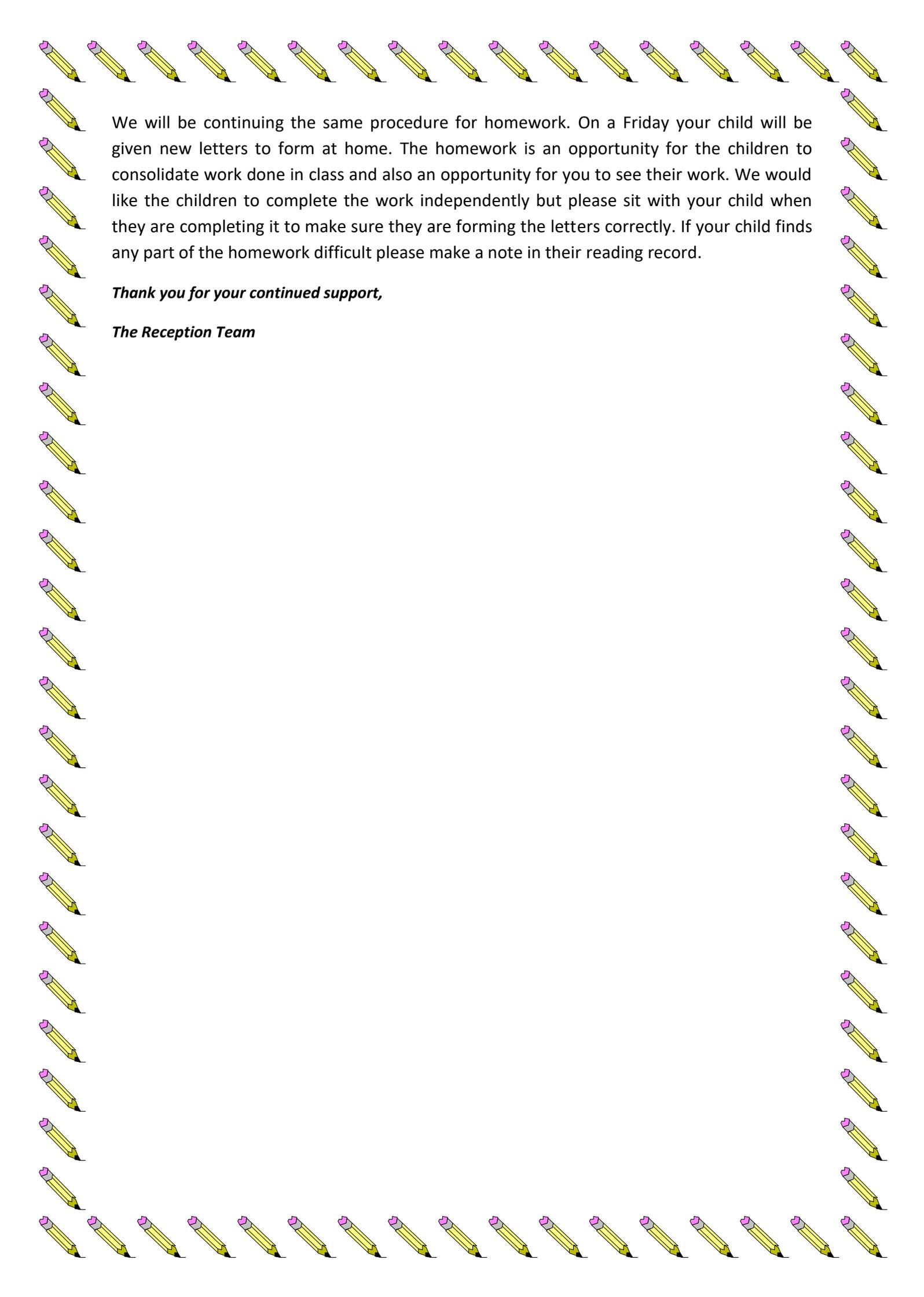
Forest School

During our Forest school sessions, we will look for Winter and Spring changes. We will access and experience the outdoors in all weathers. We will learn about the natural world around us and how to respect it. We will explore, discover and initiate our own learning taking manageable risks, such as how to use tools safely. We will develop our movement and balancing through a range of games and activities. We will learn about the environment and how to care for our world.

Expressive art and design

In expressive art and design we will help to nurture the children's imagination and creativity, whilst teaching them to use media and materials. They will be making music and singing songs and also encouraged to explore music, movement and dancing. They will be given opportunities to explore with colours and textures and design and create things related to our topics. The children will be given chances to represent their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas through design and technology, music, dance, art, role play and stories.

Homework



We will be continuing the same procedure for homework. On a Friday your child will be given new letters to form at home. The homework is an opportunity for the children to consolidate work done in class and also an opportunity for you to see their work. We would like the children to complete the work independently but please sit with your child when they are completing it to make sure they are forming the letters correctly. If your child finds any part of the homework difficult please make a note in their reading record.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team