

# Year 2 Newsletter.

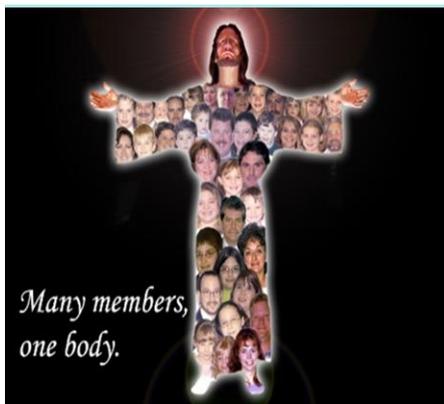
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2 as we begin another school year. We hope that you and your families have had a relaxing and safe holiday 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 about 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.

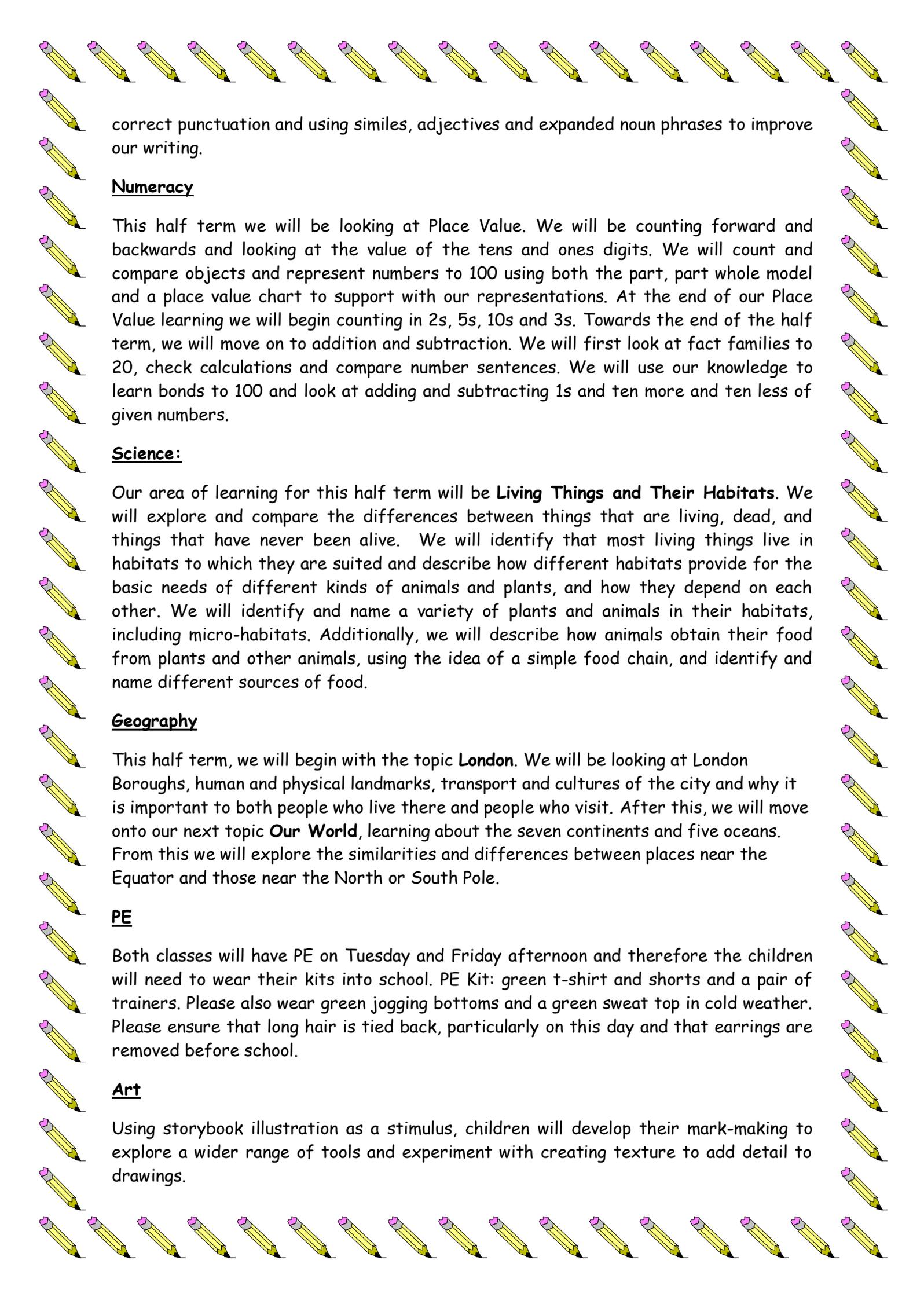
## Religion



Our topic will be called 'Beginning with the Church'. We will be learning about what the 'Church' encompasses and explore the meaning of 'The Church is the Body of Christ'. From this, we will consider how we are like Jesus through our own lives. Additionally, we will read the scripture Matthew 28:16-20, focusing on Jesus' command that we 'go into the world and make disciples of all nations'. Together, we will consider the meaning of what Jesus asked his disciples to do and how we can continue to do this today. Finally, we will progress to learning about the sacraments, where we will explore the actions, words and symbols used in baptism and how through baptism we are welcomed into the Church. From this we will conclude the topic by focusing on the structure of the Mass. The children will learn the names for items on the altar.

## Literacy

This half term we will be using the text *Secret Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah. We will introduce different styles of writing, such as persuasive and poetry. Finally, we will then look at the features of a diary entry before writing our own diary in the role of the character. Throughout the book, we will be looking at writing sentences with



correct punctuation and using similes, adjectives and expanded noun phrases to improve our writing.

### Numeracy

This half term we will be looking at Place Value. We will be counting forward and backwards and looking at the value of the tens and ones digits. We will count and compare objects and represent numbers to 100 using both the part, part whole model and a place value chart to support with our representations. At the end of our Place Value learning we will begin counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Towards the end of the half term, we will move on to addition and subtraction. We will first look at fact families to 20, check calculations and compare number sentences. We will use our knowledge to learn bonds to 100 and look at adding and subtracting 1s and ten more and ten less of given numbers.

### Science:

Our area of learning for this half term will be **Living Things and Their Habitats**. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. Additionally, we will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

### Geography

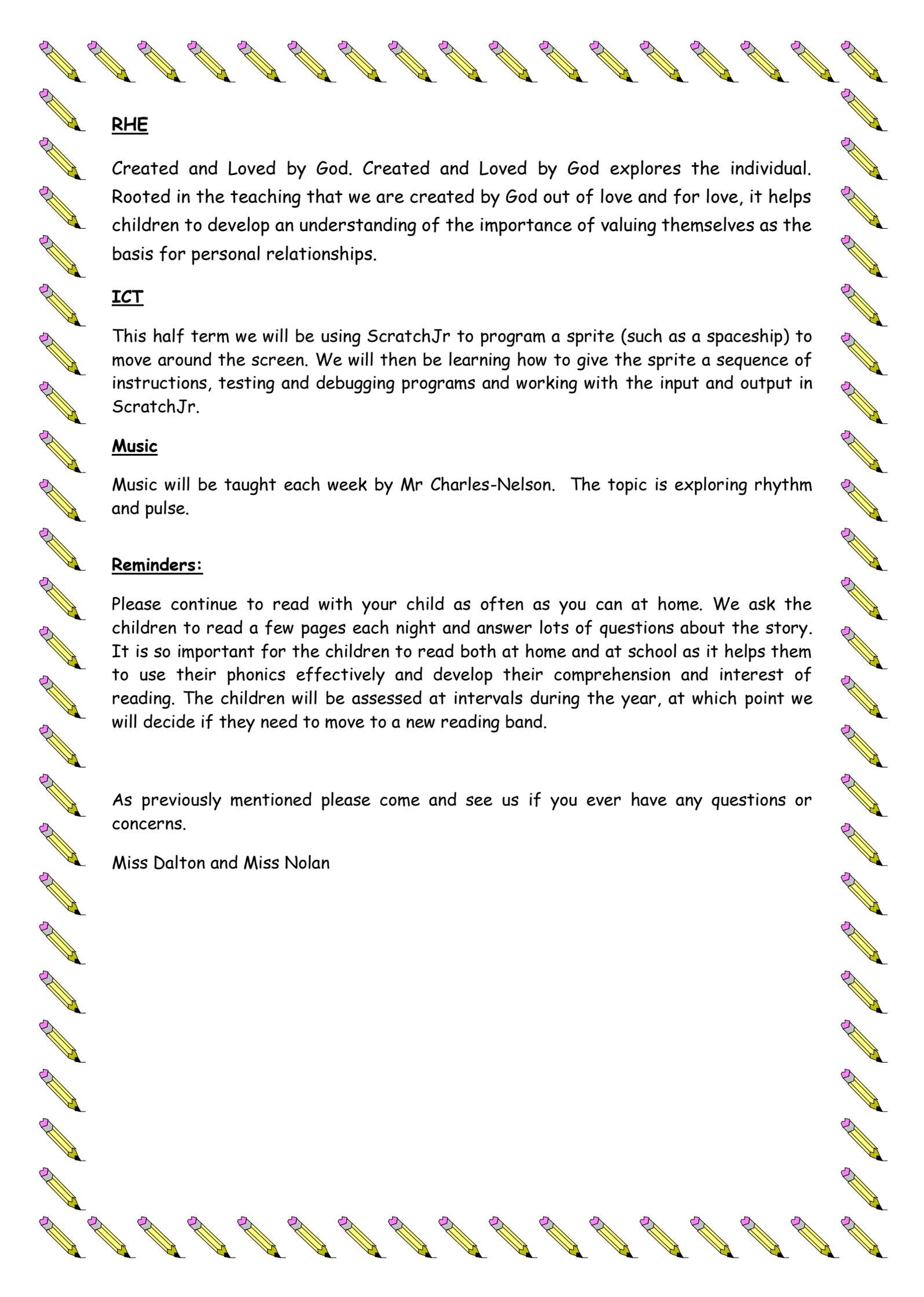
This half term, we will begin with the topic **London**. We will be looking at London Boroughs, human and physical landmarks, transport and cultures of the city and why it is important to both people who live there and people who visit. After this, we will move onto our next topic **Our World**, learning about the seven continents and five oceans. From this we will explore the similarities and differences between places near the Equator and those near the North or South Pole.

### PE

Both classes will have PE on Tuesday and Friday afternoon and therefore the children will need to wear their kits into school. PE Kit: green t-shirt and shorts and a pair of trainers. Please also wear green jogging bottoms and a green sweat top in cold weather. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on this day and that earrings are removed before school.

### Art

Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children will develop their mark-making to explore a wider range of tools and experiment with creating texture to add detail to drawings.



## RHE

Created and Loved by God. Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

## ICT

This half term we will be using ScratchJr to program a sprite (such as a spaceship) to move around the screen. We will then be learning how to give the sprite a sequence of instructions, testing and debugging programs and working with the input and output in ScratchJr.

## Music

Music will be taught each week by Mr Charles-Nelson. The topic is exploring rhythm and pulse.

## 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.

As previously mentioned please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Dalton and Miss Nolan