

Year 2 Newsletter.

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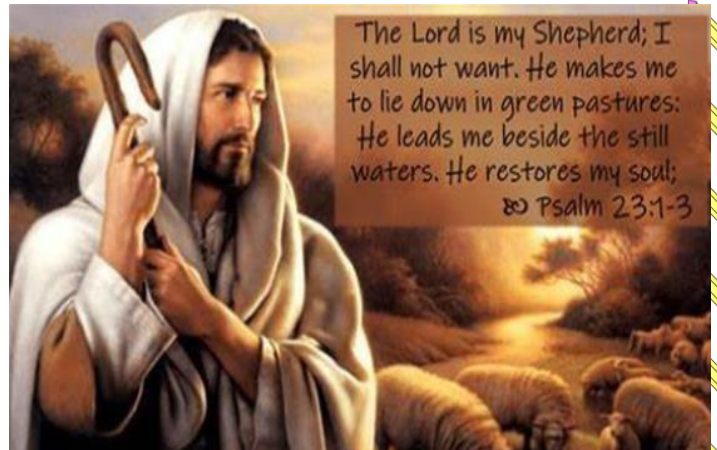
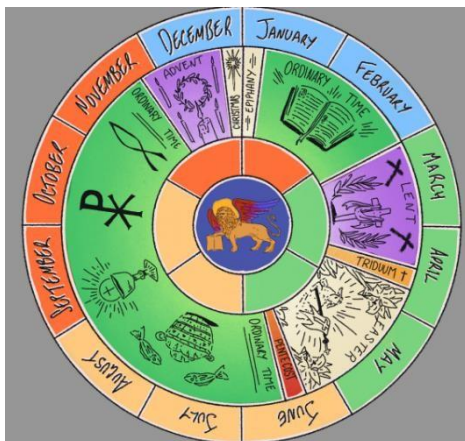
Dear Parents,

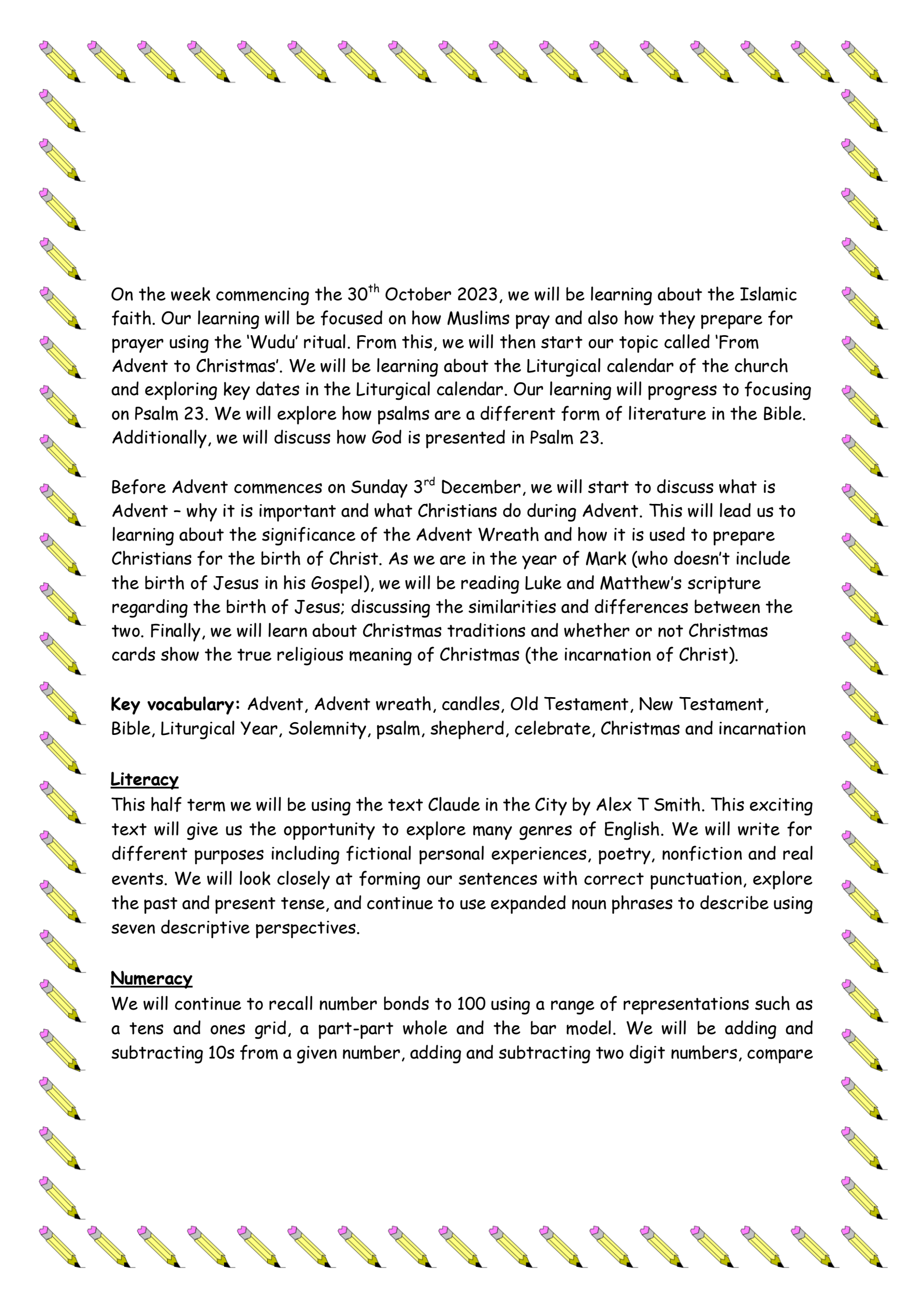
We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

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. Over the half term, please replenish your child's pencil case. They should have: pencils, colouring pencils, a rubber, 15cm ruler, **glue stick**, **whiteboard pens** and a sharpener.

There has been a slight change to our PE timetable. Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on a **Wednesday and Friday**.

Religion





On the week commencing the 30th October 2023, we will be learning about the Islamic faith. Our learning will be focused on how Muslims pray and also how they prepare for prayer using the 'Wudu' ritual. From this, we will then start our topic called 'From Advent to Christmas'. We will be learning about the Liturgical calendar of the church and exploring key dates in the Liturgical calendar. Our learning will progress to focusing on Psalm 23. We will explore how psalms are a different form of literature in the Bible. Additionally, we will discuss how God is presented in Psalm 23.

Before Advent commences on Sunday 3rd December, we will start to discuss what is Advent - why it is important and what Christians do during Advent. This will lead us to learning about the significance of the Advent Wreath and how it is used to prepare Christians for the birth of Christ. As we are in the year of Mark (who doesn't include the birth of Jesus in his Gospel), we will be reading Luke and Matthew's scripture regarding the birth of Jesus; discussing the similarities and differences between the two. Finally, we will learn about Christmas traditions and whether or not Christmas cards show the true religious meaning of Christmas (the incarnation of Christ).

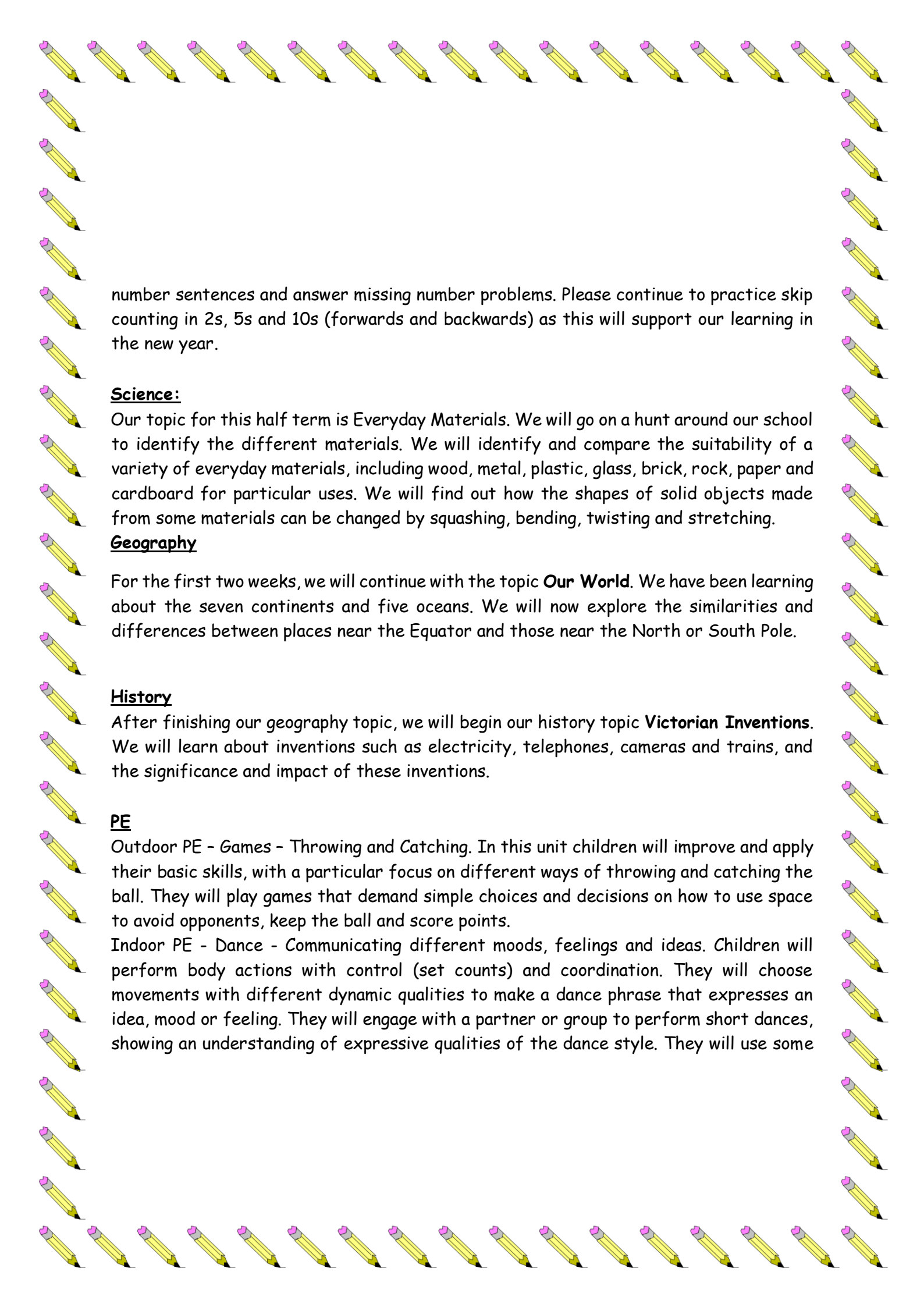
Key vocabulary: Advent, Advent wreath, candles, Old Testament, New Testament, Bible, Liturgical Year, Solemnity, psalm, shepherd, celebrate, Christmas and incarnation

Literacy

This half term we will be using the text *Claude in the City* by Alex T Smith. This exciting text will give us the opportunity to explore many genres of English. We will write for different purposes including fictional personal experiences, poetry, nonfiction and real events. We will look closely at forming our sentences with correct punctuation, explore the past and present tense, and continue to use expanded noun phrases to describe using seven descriptive perspectives.

Numeracy

We will continue to recall number bonds to 100 using a range of representations such as a tens and ones grid, a part-part whole and the bar model. We will be adding and subtracting 10s from a given number, adding and subtracting two digit numbers, compare



number sentences and answer missing number problems. Please continue to practice skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and backwards) as this will support our learning in the new year.

Science:

Our topic for this half term is *Everyday Materials*. We will go on a hunt around our school to identify the different materials. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Geography

For the first two weeks, we will continue with the topic **Our World**. We have been learning about the seven continents and five oceans. We will now explore the similarities and differences between places near the Equator and those near the North or South Pole.

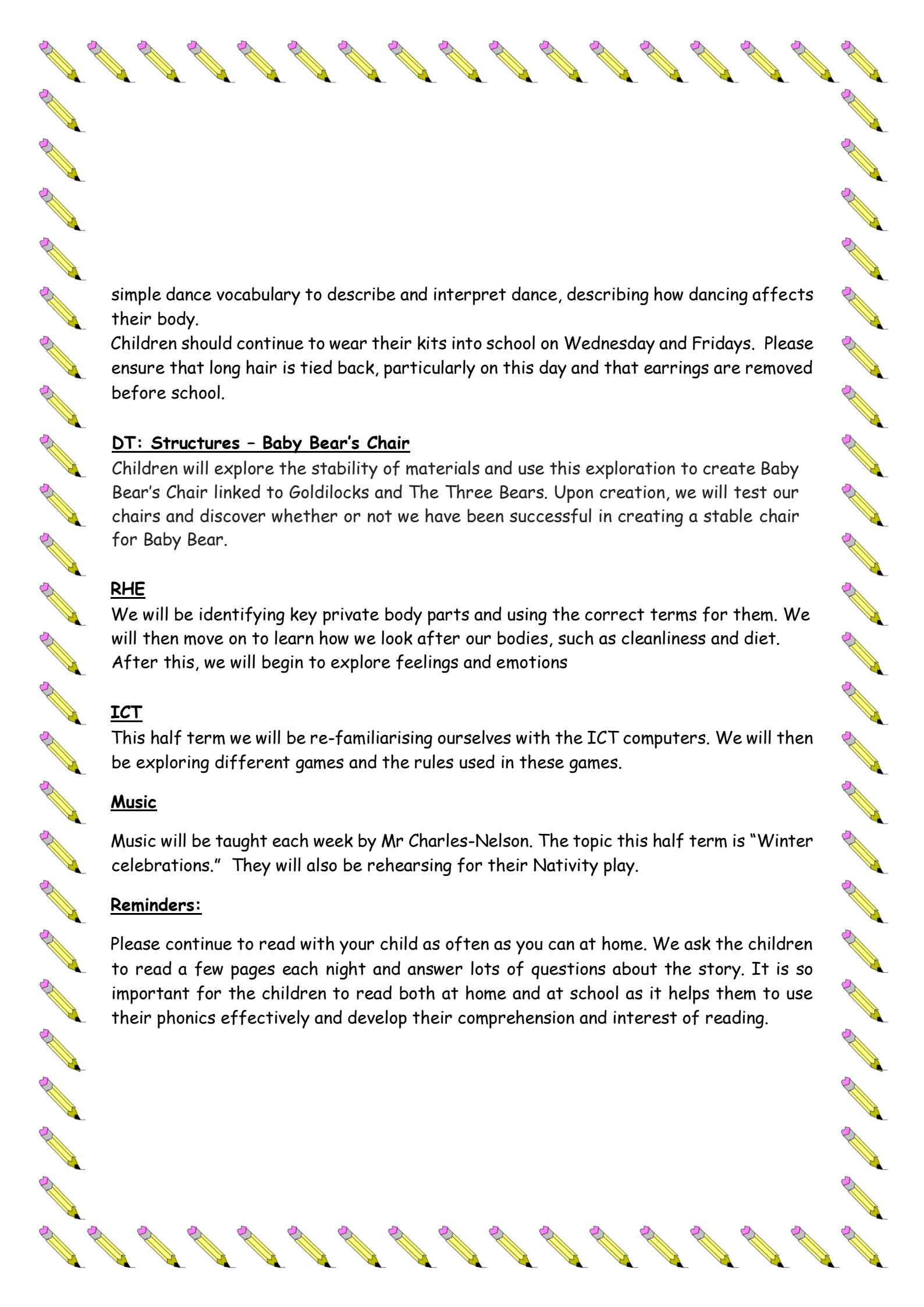
History

After finishing our geography topic, we will begin our history topic **Victorian Inventions**. We will learn about inventions such as electricity, telephones, cameras and trains, and the significance and impact of these inventions.

PE

Outdoor PE - *Games - Throwing and Catching*. In this unit children will improve and apply their basic skills, with a particular focus on different ways of throwing and catching the ball. They will play games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points.

Indoor PE - *Dance - Communicating different moods, feelings and ideas*. Children will perform body actions with control (set counts) and coordination. They will choose movements with different dynamic qualities to make a dance phrase that expresses an idea, mood or feeling. They will engage with a partner or group to perform short dances, showing an understanding of expressive qualities of the dance style. They will use some



simple dance vocabulary to describe and interpret dance, describing how dancing affects their body.

Children should continue to wear their kits into school on Wednesday and Fridays. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on this day and that earrings are removed before school.

DT: Structures - Baby Bear's Chair

Children will explore the stability of materials and use this exploration to create Baby Bear's Chair linked to Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Upon creation, we will test our chairs and discover whether or not we have been successful in creating a stable chair for Baby Bear.

RHE

We will be identifying key private body parts and using the correct terms for them. We will then move on to learn how we look after our bodies, such as cleanliness and diet. After this, we will begin to explore feelings and emotions

ICT

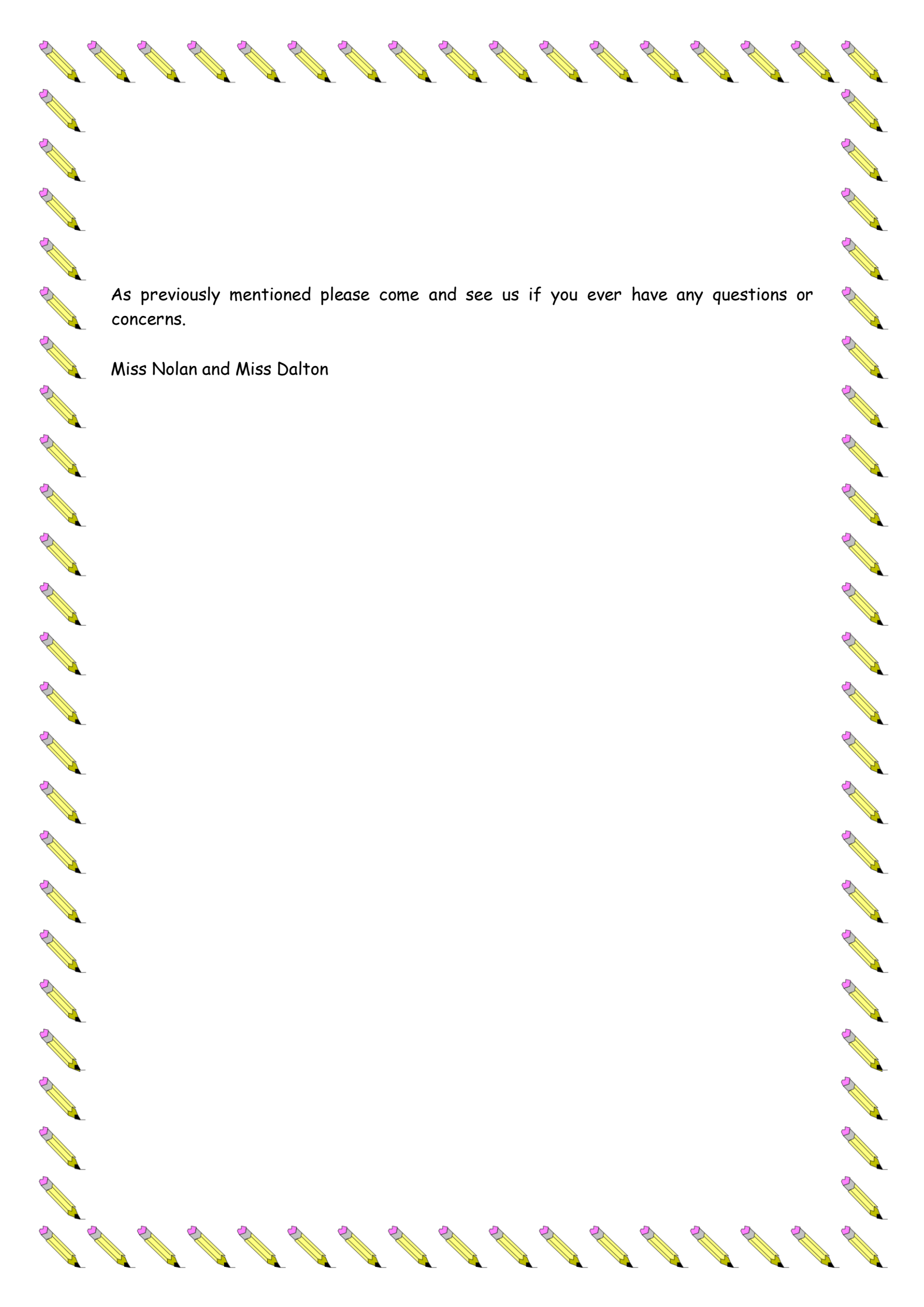
This half term we will be re-familiarising ourselves with the ICT computers. We will then be exploring different games and the rules used in these games.

Music

Music will be taught each week by Mr Charles-Nelson. The topic this half term is "Winter celebrations." They will also be rehearsing for their Nativity play.

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.



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

Miss Nolan and Miss Dalton