

Robin Class



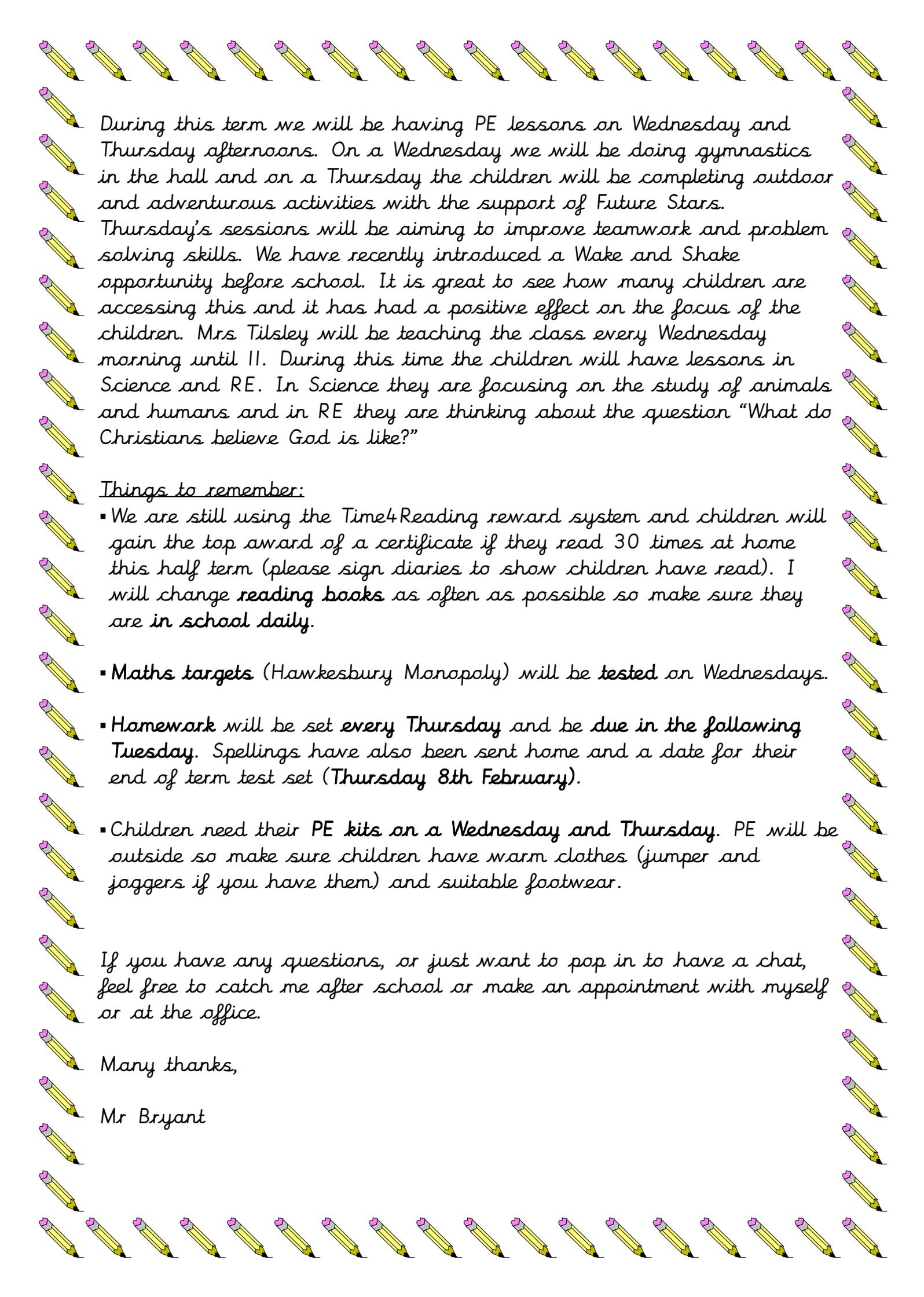
Dear Robin class parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a nice Christmas break and a lovely new year. Thank you for all your support during the last term especially with the Christmas performance. Thank you also for the kind cards and gifts I received last term. This letter is to explain what we will be doing over the next term however if you need any more information do not hesitate to ask.

This term's school topic is "Horrible Histories" and Robin class will focus on "Famous People". We will be putting on our time travelling hats and jumping through time. Along the way we will meet King Henry VIII, Samuel Pepys, Mary Anning and Neil Armstrong. We will look at who they were, why they are famous and how life has changed. I am sure the topic will capture the children's enthusiasm and bring history to life.

In Literacy we will be using our topic to inspire writing, focusing on non-chronological reports, diary entries, recounts, stories and a biography. We will be using the story "Man on the moon, A day in the life of Bob" to inspire our writing. Within group reading we will be focusing on revisiting the text to draw out information whilst developing our confidence with reading. I was pleased with last term's spelling results and we will continue to work on this through spelling and phonic lessons. The end of term spelling test will be on the 8th February.

In Maths we will continue to work on all areas of the curriculum with a particular focus on reasoning and problem solving skills. Children will be looking at shape, time and measurement before exploring multiplication, division and fractions after half term. We will focus on our Hawkesbury Monopoly targets on a Wednesday and any practice you could do with your children on their targets would be greatly appreciated. Certificates will be used to show when a child has achieved their target.



During this term we will be having PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. On a Wednesday we will be doing gymnastics in the hall and on a Thursday the children will be completing outdoor and adventurous activities with the support of Future Stars.

Thursday's sessions will be aiming to improve teamwork and problem solving skills. We have recently introduced a Wake and Shake opportunity before school. It is great to see how many children are accessing this and it has had a positive effect on the focus of the children. Mrs Tilsley will be teaching the class every Wednesday morning until 11. During this time the children will have lessons in Science and RE. In Science they are focusing on the study of animals and humans and in RE they are thinking about the question "What do Christians believe God is like?"

Things to remember:

- We are still using the Time4Reading reward system and children will gain the top award of a certificate if they read 30 times at home this half term (please sign diaries to show children have read). I will change reading books as often as possible so make sure they are in school daily.
- Maths targets (Hawkesbury Monopoly) will be tested on Wednesdays.
- Homework will be set every Thursday and be due in the following Tuesday. Spellings have also been sent home and a date for their end of term test set (Thursday 8th February).
- Children need their PE kits on a Wednesday and Thursday. PE will be outside so make sure children have warm clothes (jumper and joggers if you have them) and suitable footwear.

If you have any questions, or just want to pop in to have a chat, feel free to catch me after school or make an appointment with myself or at the office.

Many thanks,

Mr Bryant