


Year 6 Newsletter
Spring 1 2024

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed some relaxing family time over the break and are refreshed and ready for a new term. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous Christmas gifts: as always these are very much appreciated.

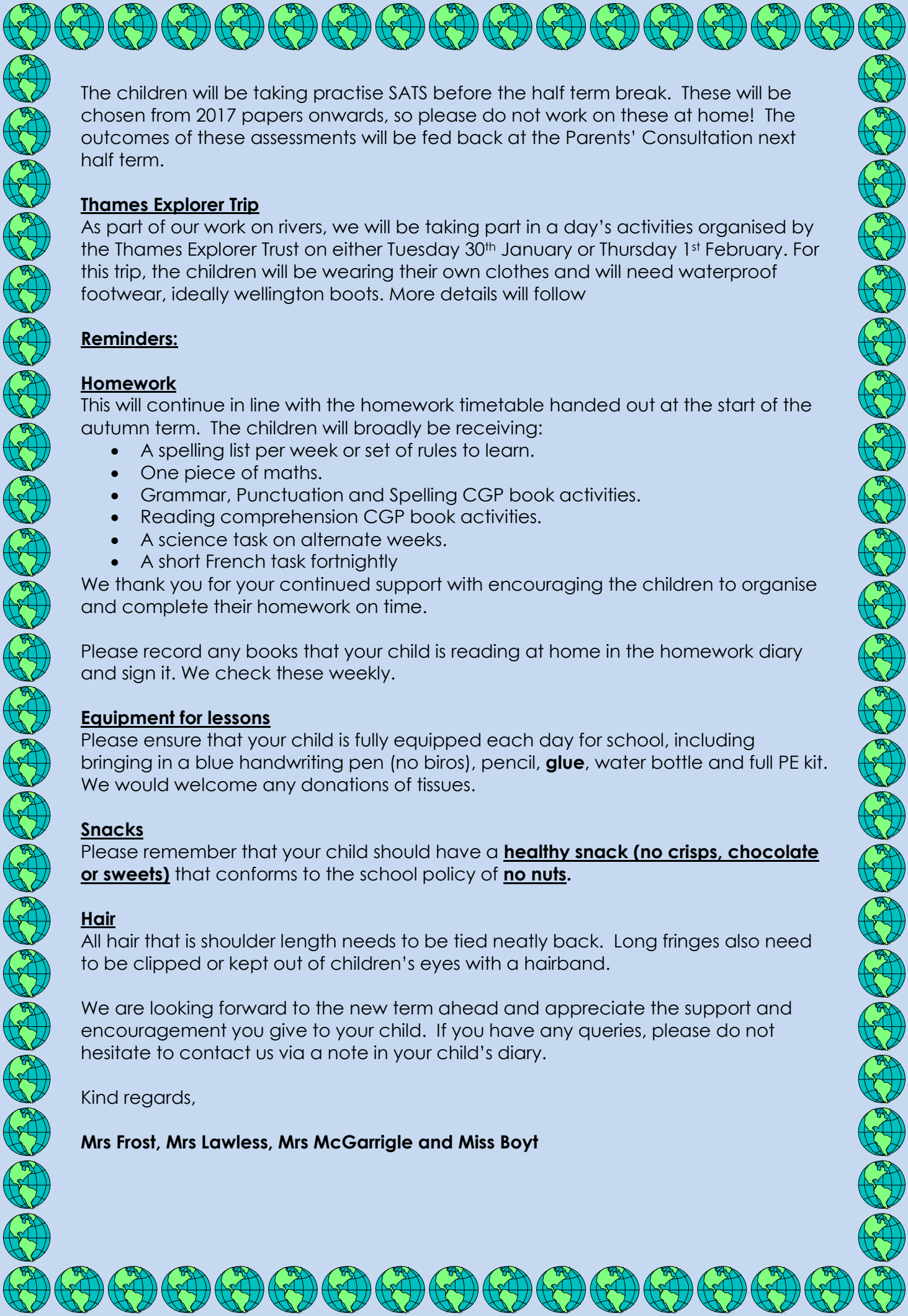
Curriculum overview for this half-term (please refer to the topic web for further details)

Topic: Rivers We are excited to be starting a new topic with Geography as a lead subject.	
Subject	Main Learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work based around the book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick• Persuasive letter• Survival guides based on books by Bear Grylls• Adventure story writing• Whole Class Reading using VIPERS skills 
Spelling and Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Punctuation for Parentheses• Modal verbs• Year 5/6 word list• Present and Past tense spellings
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decimals and Percentages• Angles• Measurement
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity• The Heart and circulatory system
Humanities and Foundation Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rivers• Observational sketching of seashells leading to abstract pictures• Looking at the way different artists portray water, including watercolour work in the style of Hokusai• Faith and the Arts

Learning this term

The Spring Term is a really important one for Year 6 children; the pace of work increases as do our expectations around independent learning and organisational skills. Equally, expectations around accuracy in children's work also increase as each piece of writing that the children now complete in class will be part of their final assessment.

Extra support for children will continue in lesson times and assembly slots on a flexible basis in addition to those invited to extra sessions before school. Whilst the children might become more aware of the SATs in May, we aim to manage this in a manner that does not worry them and that allows us to continue teaching in an engaging and balanced way.



The children will be taking practise SATS before the half term break. These will be chosen from 2017 papers onwards, so please do not work on these at home! The outcomes of these assessments will be fed back at the Parents' Consultation next half term.

Thames Explorer Trip

As part of our work on rivers, we will be taking part in a day's activities organised by the Thames Explorer Trust on either Tuesday 30th January or Thursday 1st February. For this trip, the children will be wearing their own clothes and will need waterproof footwear, ideally wellington boots. More details will follow

Reminders:

Homework

This will continue in line with the homework timetable handed out at the start of the autumn term. The children will broadly be receiving:

- A spelling list per week or set of rules to learn.
- One piece of maths.
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling CGP book activities.
- Reading comprehension CGP book activities.
- A science task on alternate weeks.
- A short French task fortnightly

We thank you for your continued support with encouraging the children to organise and complete their homework on time.

Please record any books that your child is reading at home in the homework diary and sign it. We check these weekly.

Equipment for lessons

Please ensure that your child is fully equipped each day for school, including bringing in a blue handwriting pen (no biros), pencil, **glue**, water bottle and full PE kit. We would welcome any donations of tissues.

Snacks

Please remember that your child should have a **healthy snack (no crisps, chocolate or sweets)** that conforms to the school policy of **no nuts**.

Hair

All hair that is shoulder length needs to be tied neatly back. Long fringes also need to be clipped or kept out of children's eyes with a hairband.

We are looking forward to the new term ahead and appreciate the support and encouragement you give to your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via a note in your child's diary.

Kind regards,

Mrs Frost, Mrs Lawless, Mrs McGarrigle and Miss Boyt