

Miss Mellor's Class



Spring Term 2019

Welcome to the spring term and Happy New Year! This term is going to be just as busy as the autumn term, with lots of exciting learning experiences available for your children, in our topics of '**Journeys**' and '**Happily ever after**'. Here is a brief overview of some of the things the children will be learning.

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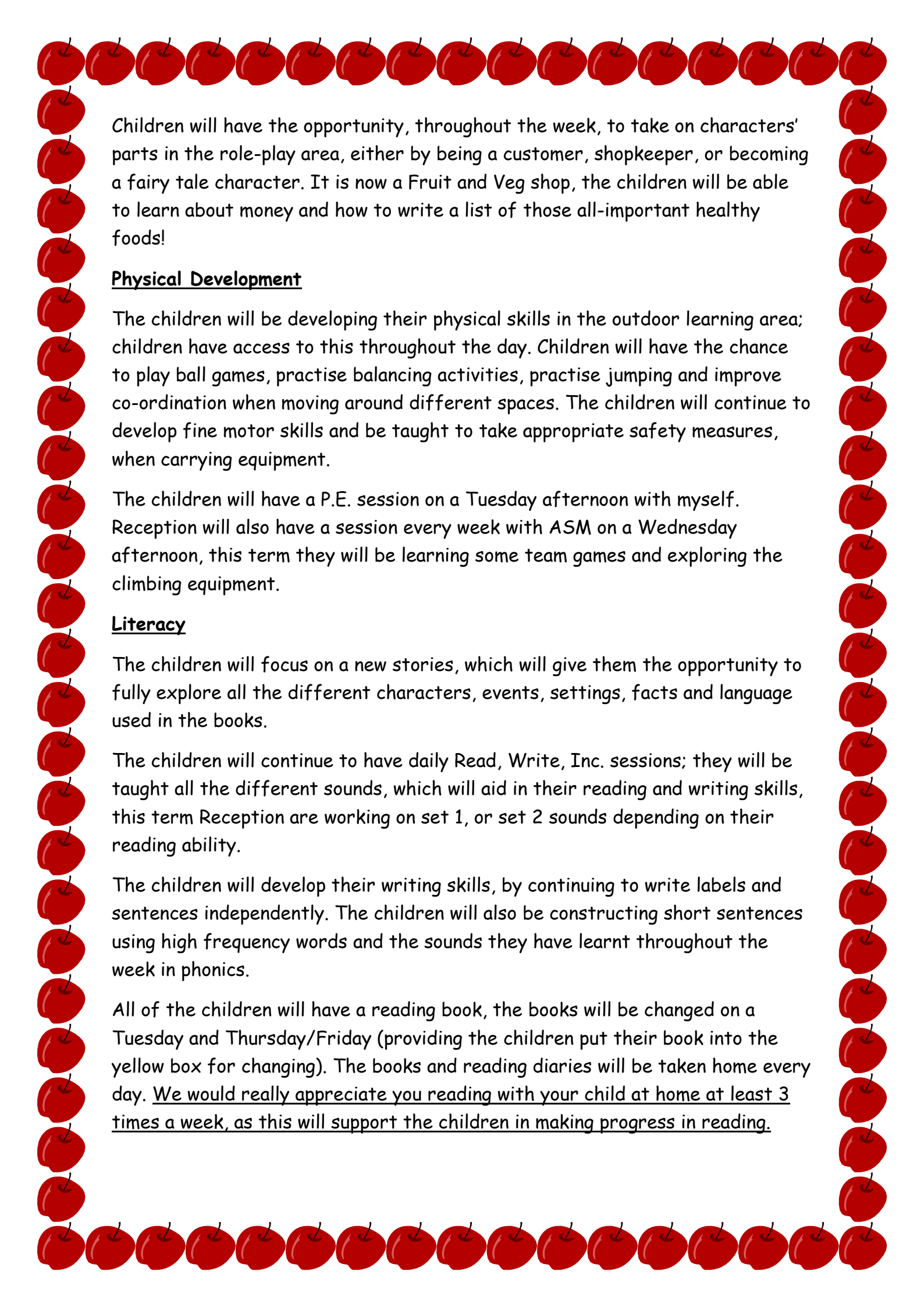
The children will be learning to take account of other children's ideas, not just in lessons but when acting out experiences and working together in the role play area. We will talk about people having different opinions and accepting others as individuals.

The children will continue to learn about sharing their ideas with friends and become more confident in doing so. We will also discuss targets in learning, the children will be involved in what these are. The children will also discuss how to take responsibility of their own learning and how their actions affect others.

Communication and Language

The children will be developing their listening and communication skills through retelling the new stories they have learnt about, either through imaginary role-play or discussion, or even making up their own adventure stories. The children will also be able to discuss what they have learnt about 'The bear and the piano', castles, dragons and traditional tales.

The children will all be encouraged to join in with rhymes and listen for rhyming words in the new stories we read, this will help children understand that some words sound similar.



Children will have the opportunity, throughout the week, to take on characters' parts in the role-play area, either by being a customer, shopkeeper, or becoming a fairy tale character. It is now a Fruit and Veg shop, the children will be able to learn about money and how to write a list of those all-important healthy foods!

Physical Development

The children will be developing their physical skills in the outdoor learning area; children have access to this throughout the day. Children will have the chance to play ball games, practise balancing activities, practise jumping and improve co-ordination when moving around different spaces. The children will continue to develop fine motor skills and be taught to take appropriate safety measures, when carrying equipment.

The children will have a P.E. session on a Tuesday afternoon with myself. Reception will also have a session every week with ASM on a Wednesday afternoon, this term they will be learning some team games and exploring the climbing equipment.

Literacy

The children will focus on a new stories, which will give them the opportunity to fully explore all the different characters, events, settings, facts and language used in the books.

The children will continue to have daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions; they will be taught all the different sounds, which will aid in their reading and writing skills, this term Reception are working on set 1, or set 2 sounds depending on their reading ability.

The children will develop their writing skills, by continuing to write labels and sentences independently. The children will also be constructing short sentences using high frequency words and the sounds they have learnt throughout the week in phonics.

All of the children will have a reading book, the books will be changed on a Tuesday and Thursday/Friday (providing the children put their book into the yellow box for changing). The books and reading diaries will be taken home every day. We would really appreciate you reading with your child at home at least 3 times a week, as this will support the children in making progress in reading.



Mathematics

The children will develop their numeracy skills in doubling, halving and sharing activities. The children have learnt about more and less already and we will then be progressing to using a number line, to aid their numeracy development.

The children always have a counting starter at the beginning of every numeracy session, whether it is a song, or just counting up or down from a chosen number, we feel this helps with early numeracy development.

The children will have the opportunity to explore shape and measuring through practical activities, weighing objects and comparing size and capacity. Furthermore we will be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and what patterns look like. We will also promote the use of correct mathematical language.

Understanding the World

The children will have the opportunity to explore the different types of weather, how plants and animals grow and how different living things change over time.

We will also be exploring the woodland area on 'Muddy mornings', this will take place on a Wednesday morning and the dates will be sent out separately. Please send children in with suitable warm clothing that can be worn outside on the muddy field and woodland area, wellies are a must!

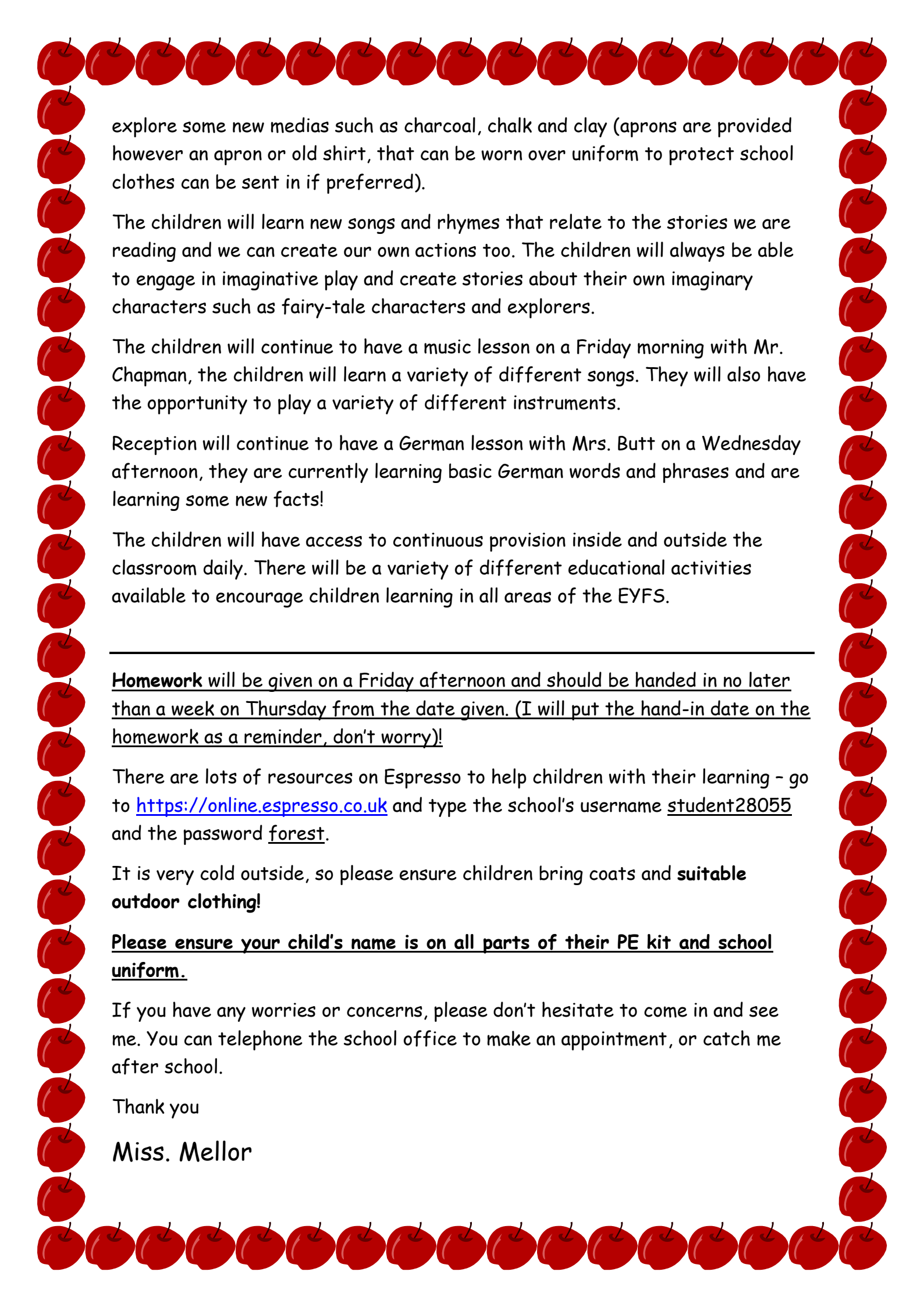
In topic session we will be learning about different journeys. This will include learning about the different places and famous explorers. We will also be experimenting with creating parachutes and making a boat that will hopefully float!

Art and DT will be linked to our cross-curricular topics and based on the work of famous artists and designers.

The children will develop their I.C.T skills through learning to log onto the laptops independently. Children will also be able to use bee bots and learn to input instructions to get them to their destination, the CD player will also be available on occasions to listen to audio books and music

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have the chance to improve on the skills that they have already gained, such as drawing, painting and using materials to construct. We will



explore some new medias such as charcoal, chalk and clay (aprons are provided however an apron or old shirt, that can be worn over uniform to protect school clothes can be sent in if preferred).

The children will learn new songs and rhymes that relate to the stories we are reading and we can create our own actions too. The children will always be able to engage in imaginative play and create stories about their own imaginary characters such as fairy-tale characters and explorers.

The children will continue to have a music lesson on a Friday morning with Mr. Chapman, the children will learn a variety of different songs. They will also have the opportunity to play a variety of different instruments.

Reception will continue to have a *German* lesson with Mrs. Butt on a Wednesday afternoon, they are currently learning basic *German* words and phrases and are learning some new facts!

The children will have access to continuous provision inside and outside the classroom daily. There will be a variety of different educational activities available to encourage children learning in all areas of the EYFS.

Homework will be given on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in no later than a week on Thursday from the date given. (I will put the hand-in date on the homework as a reminder, don't worry)!

There are lots of resources on Espresso to help children with their learning - go to <https://online.espresso.co.uk> and type the school's username student28055 and the password forest.

It is very cold outside, so please ensure children bring coats and **suitable outdoor clothing!**

Please ensure your child's name is on all parts of their PE kit and school uniform.

If you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to come in and see me. You can telephone the school office to make an appointment, or catch me after school.

Thank you

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