



Mrs Rees's Class

Year 1 Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to the autumn term and the start of year 1 for your children at Great Wood Primary School! Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas, which we will be focusing on in class throughout the autumn term. Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further-support your child's learning. Our first two topics this term will be **Heroes** and **Festivals around the world**.

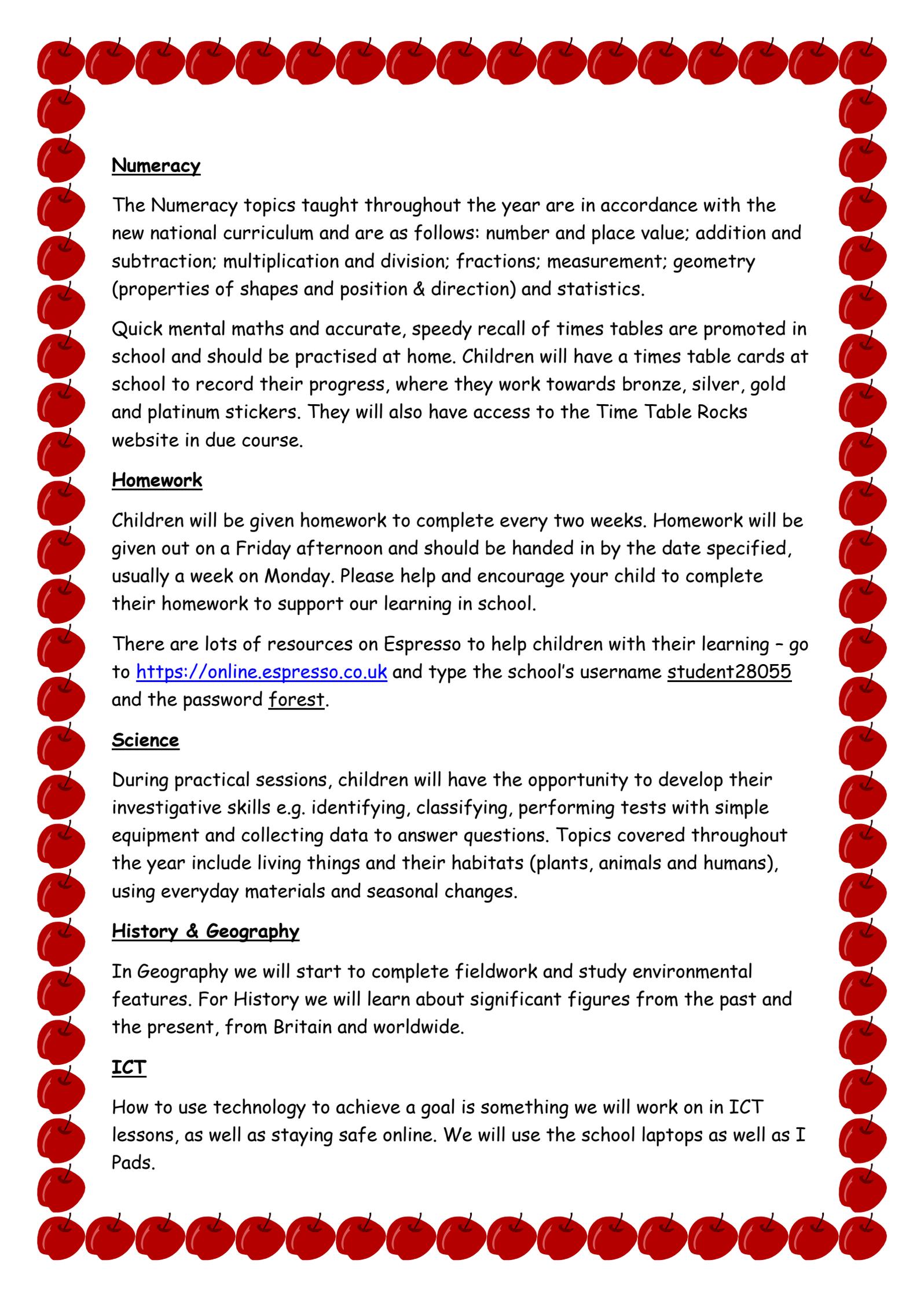
Literacy

In line with the national curriculum, Literacy lessons focus on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation, which we tackle through reading and writing texts which link to our cross curricular theme. We will read a range of texts and use these to help form our own pieces of writing.

We have daily Phonics sessions to help with reading and writing, as well as regular handwriting lessons to practise correct letter formation.

It is important to listen to your child read and sign their reading diary at least three times a week.

We will change the children's home reading books once a week. Please only bring books in for changing on a Friday. They will then be sent back out on the following Tuesday. If books are not brought in on the set day, we cannot guarantee they will be changed.



Numeracy

The Numeracy topics taught throughout the year are in accordance with the new national curriculum and are as follows: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position & direction) and statistics.

Quick mental maths and accurate, speedy recall of times tables are promoted in school and should be practised at home. Children will have a times table cards at school to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers. They will also have access to the Time Table Rocks website in due course.

Homework

Children will be given homework to complete every two weeks. Homework will be given out on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in by the date specified, usually a week on Monday. Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school.

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.

Science

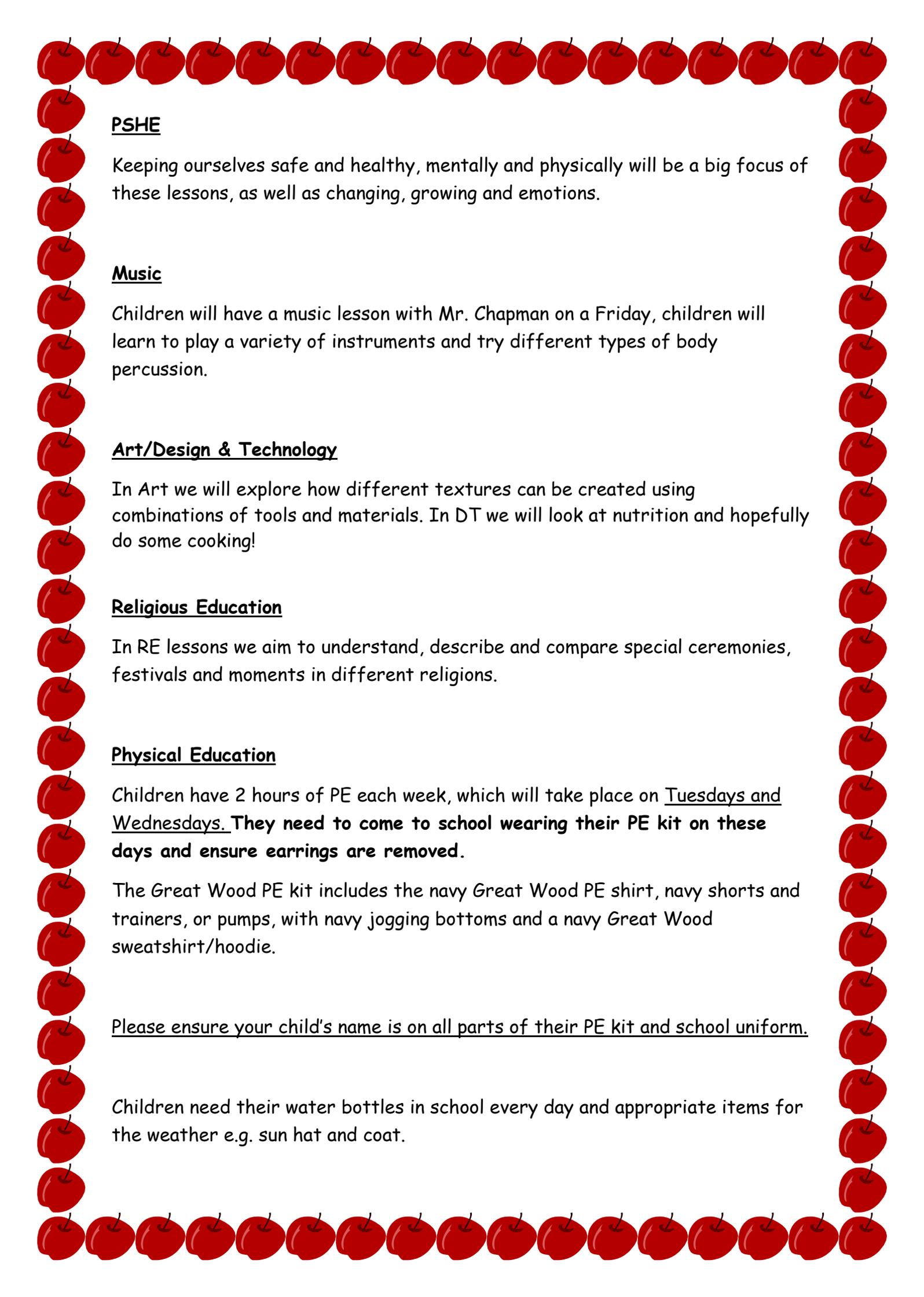
During practical sessions, children will have the opportunity to develop their investigative skills e.g. identifying, classifying, performing tests with simple equipment and collecting data to answer questions. Topics covered throughout the year include living things and their habitats (plants, animals and humans), using everyday materials and seasonal changes.

History & Geography

In Geography we will start to complete fieldwork and study environmental features. For History we will learn about significant figures from the past and the present, from Britain and worldwide.

ICT

How to use technology to achieve a goal is something we will work on in ICT lessons, as well as staying safe online. We will use the school laptops as well as I Pads.



PSHE

Keeping ourselves safe and healthy, mentally and physically will be a big focus of these lessons, as well as changing, growing and emotions.

Music

Children will have a music lesson with Mr. Chapman on a Friday, children will learn to play a variety of instruments and try different types of body percussion.

Art/Design & Technology

In Art we will explore how different textures can be created using combinations of tools and materials. In DT we will look at nutrition and hopefully do some cooking!

Religious Education

In RE lessons we aim to understand, describe and compare special ceremonies, festivals and moments in different religions.

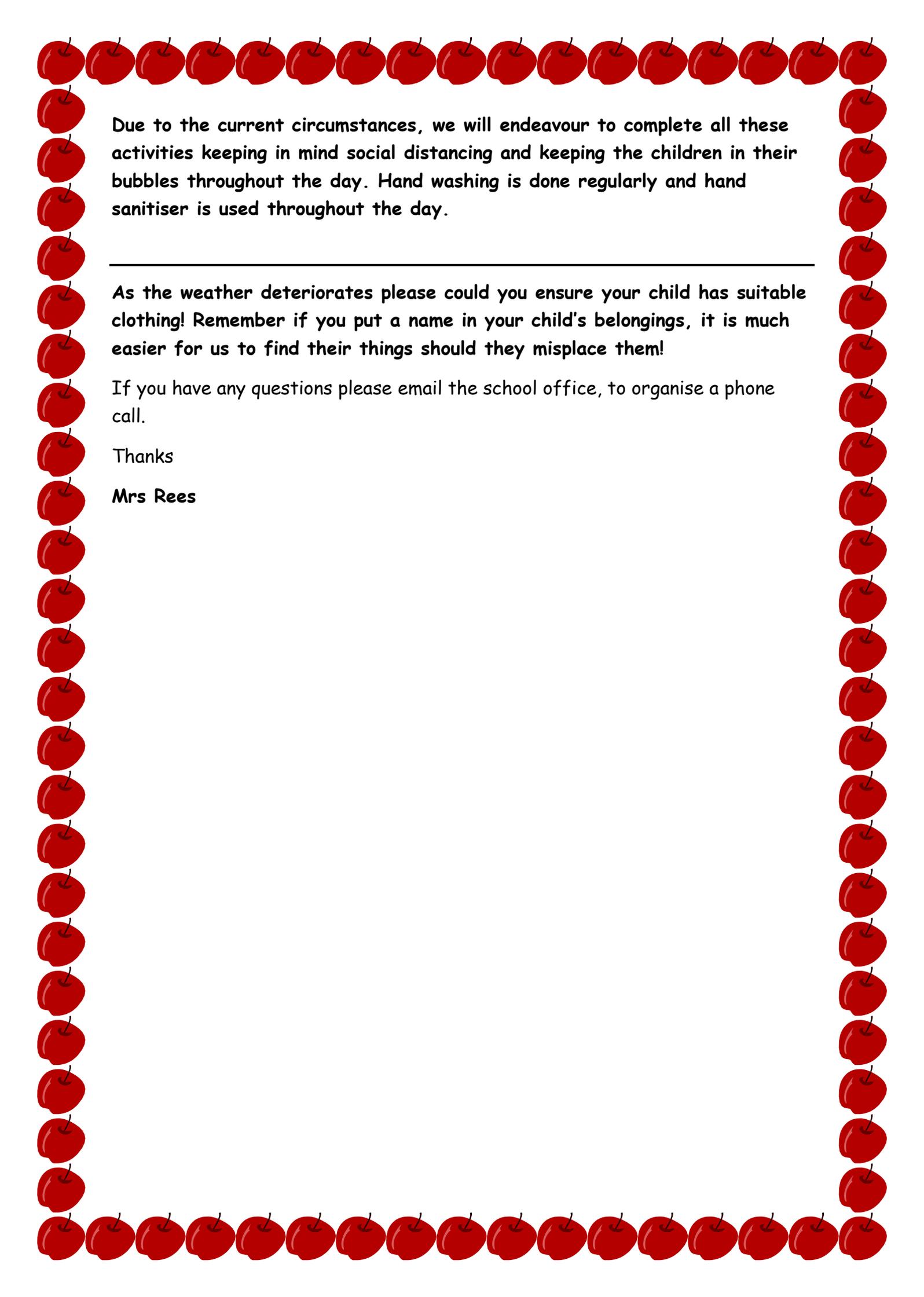
Physical Education

Children have 2 hours of PE each week, which will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **They need to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and ensure earrings are removed.**

The Great Wood PE kit includes the navy Great Wood PE shirt, navy shorts and trainers, or pumps, with navy jogging bottoms and a navy Great Wood sweatshirt/hoodie.

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

Children need their water bottles in school every day and appropriate items for the weather e.g. sun hat and coat.



Due to the current circumstances, we will endeavour to complete all these activities keeping in mind social distancing and keeping the children in their bubbles throughout the day. Hand washing is done regularly and hand sanitiser is used throughout the day.

As the weather deteriorates please could you ensure your child has suitable clothing! Remember if you put a name in your child's belongings, it is much easier for us to find their things should they misplace them!

If you have any questions please email the school office, to organise a phone call.

Thanks

Mrs Rees