



Elm Class Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone has had a well-deserved Christmas break. Miss Holgate and I are very much looking forward to embarking on an exciting term ahead.

Key Dates

- * Monday 6th January- The term begins.
- * Friday 9th February- Home Learning Challenges due in.
- * Friday 16th February- Last day of the spring 1 half term.

Maths

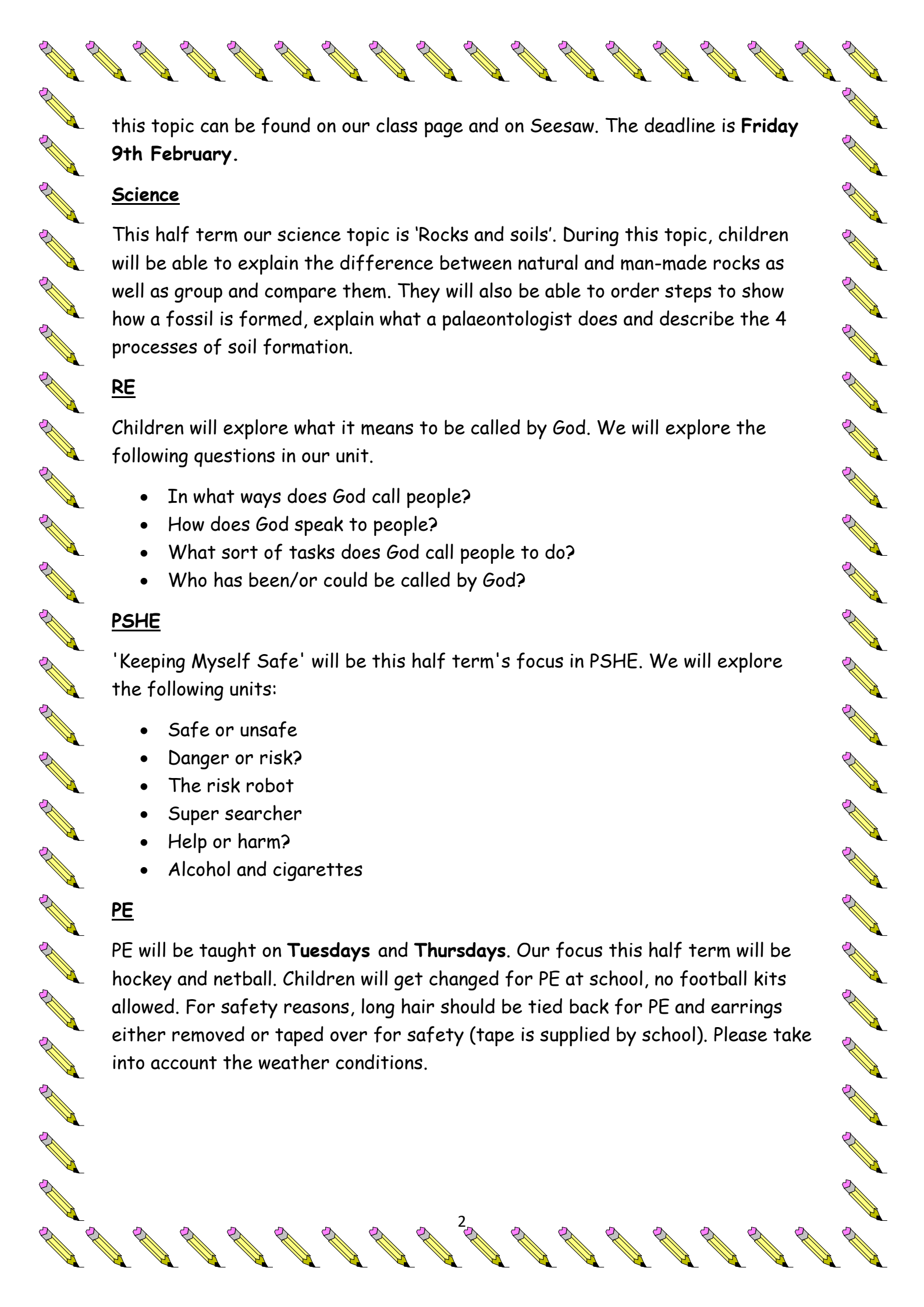
Throughout this half term, we will continue to explore measurement of length, mass and volume. Once raw skills are achieved, pupils will attempt basic word problems which will extend to more challenging word problems. We will then move on to the chapter on money. We will use our previous knowledge of recognising different denominations (both notes and coins) and the simple addition and subtraction of money. We will then move on to the concepts related to addition and subtraction of money using number bonds as a key method. Pupils are then expected to apply their new knowledge to solve word problems using bar modelling as a key strategy.

English

This half term we will be exploring the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. We will focus upon a few retellings of the story, where pupils will complete a range of reading and writing activities, including letter writing and newspaper reports. This will enable the children to acquire a deeper knowledge and understanding of the content and context; the conditions and the actions, thoughts and feelings of the characters in the story. Our next unit focusses on the short film animation, 'Marshmallows', where we will be building up to write a non-chronological report.

Geography

This term in topic we will be looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. By the end of term, children will be able to understand how volcanoes are formed and what causes an earthquake. We will be looking in particular at the structures of a volcano and how earthquakes are measured. The Home Learning Challenges for



this topic can be found on our class page and on Seesaw. The deadline is **Friday 9th February**.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Rocks and soils'. During this topic, children will be able to explain the difference between natural and man-made rocks as well as group and compare them. They will also be able to order steps to show how a fossil is formed, explain what a palaeontologist does and describe the 4 processes of soil formation.

RE

Children will explore what it means to be called by God. We will explore the following questions in our unit.

- In what ways does God call people?
- How does God speak to people?
- What sort of tasks does God call people to do?
- Who has been/or could be called by God?

PSHE

'Keeping Myself Safe' will be this half term's focus in PSHE. We will explore the following units:

- Safe or unsafe
- Danger or risk?
- The risk robot
- Super searcher
- Help or harm?
- Alcohol and cigarettes

PE

PE will be taught on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Our focus this half term will be hockey and netball. Children will get changed for PE at school, no football kits allowed. For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back for PE and earrings either removed or taped over for safety (tape is supplied by school). Please take into account the weather conditions.