



Elm Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2022

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn 2 term and the exciting run up to Christmas.

Maths

Throughout this half term, we will cover the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8. Pupils will then get to use their experience of multiplication and division to solve word problems. We will then move onto covering multiplying by a 2-digit number. We will look at decomposing a number into tens and ones so that the multiplication is easily managed. Lessons move onto multiplying where regrouping is necessary before pupils start to look at division. Once pupils master multiplication and division, they focus on solving problems using the multiplication and division methods dealt with in previous lessons.

English

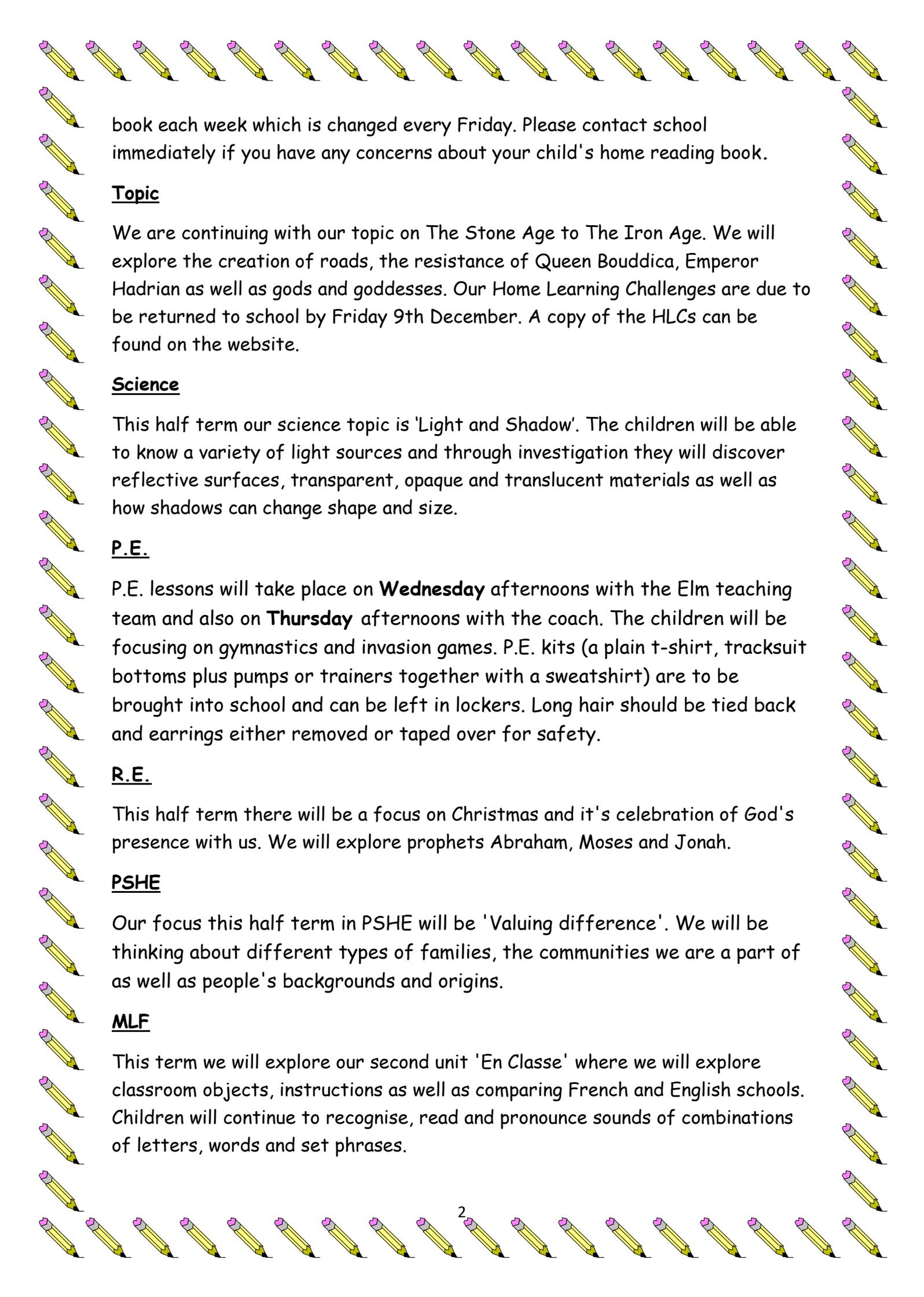
This term we will be exploring the book 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve. The adventure book combines excitement, humour and emotion as well as countless illustrations for children to explore, interpret and respond to. It will support pupils in building their imagination of fantasy worlds through role-play. There will be lots of writing opportunities including adverts, poetry and descriptive writing.

Spellings

The children will receive a new spelling list each Monday and will be tested on these spellings on the following Friday. There will be opportunities to practise these spellings in school throughout the week but you can also find a collection of these lists for this half term below so that you can support your child's learning at home.

Reading

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions twice a week in which whole class strategies are used, using different forms of media including pictures, films and whole class texts and written comprehensions. The children also have time to read independently for pleasure after dinner every day. In addition, children are able to choose a book from the class book corner, which is to stay in school. All children have access to Bug Club which has lots of amazing fiction and non-fiction books at your child's reading level and we also provide a Home Reader



book each week which is changed every Friday. Please contact school immediately if you have any concerns about your child's home reading book.

Topic

We are continuing with our topic on The Stone Age to The Iron Age. We will explore the creation of roads, the resistance of Queen Bouddica, Emperor Hadrian as well as gods and goddesses. Our Home Learning Challenges are due to be returned to school by Friday 9th December. A copy of the HLCs can be found on the website.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Light and Shadow'. The children will be able to know a variety of light sources and through investigation they will discover reflective surfaces, transparent, opaque and translucent materials as well as how shadows can change shape and size.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons with the Elm teaching team and also on **Thursday** afternoons with the coach. The children will be focusing on gymnastics and invasion games. P.E. kits (a plain t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms plus pumps or trainers together with a sweatshirt) are to be brought into school and can be left in lockers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings either removed or taped over for safety.

R.E.

This half term there will be a focus on Christmas and it's celebration of God's presence with us. We will explore prophets Abraham, Moses and Jonah.

PSHE

Our focus this half term in PSHE will be 'Valuing difference'. We will be thinking about different types of families, the communities we are a part of as well as people's backgrounds and origins.

MLF

This term we will explore our second unit 'En Classe' where we will explore classroom objects, instructions as well as comparing French and English schools. Children will continue to recognise, read and pronounce sounds of combinations of letters, words and set phrases.



Key Dates

Tuesday 1st November: Autumn 2 half term begins.

Monday 7th November: poppies on sale in school in support of The Royal British Legion.

Tuesday 15th November: Flu vaccinations.

Friday 18th November: Children In Need. More information to follow shortly.

Wednesday 7th December: Lion King theatre trip - please see Mrs Howard's letter for more details and information.

Friday 9th December: Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save The Children. First set of Home Learning Challenges are due to be returned to school for sharing and marking.

Tuesday 20th December: Christmas Party Day.

Wednesday 21st December: Last day in school before the Christmas holiday.

Monday 9th January 2023: First day of Spring 1 term.

Last Words

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to speak to myself or anyone from the Elm team should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Bird and Mrs Saxon.