



Larch Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

I hope that everyone has had a lovely summer and is feeling well rested and excited for the year ahead!

Maths

We will start this half term by focusing on place value up on numbers up to 10,000. We will then be moving on to addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers.

English

This half term, we will be starting with a book called 'The Tunnel'. This will be used as inspiration for children to plan, draft and write their own narrative. Pupils will also be writing setting descriptions, diary entries as well as participating in role plays and developing their reading skills such as predicting and inferring information. We will then be focusing on 'The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane'.

Spellings

As last year, there will be a focus on teaching and learning the words on the weekly spelling list in class, rather than sending lists of spellings home. A new list will be given to the children each Monday and they will be tested every Friday. Please look on the class page for each week's spelling rule and list.

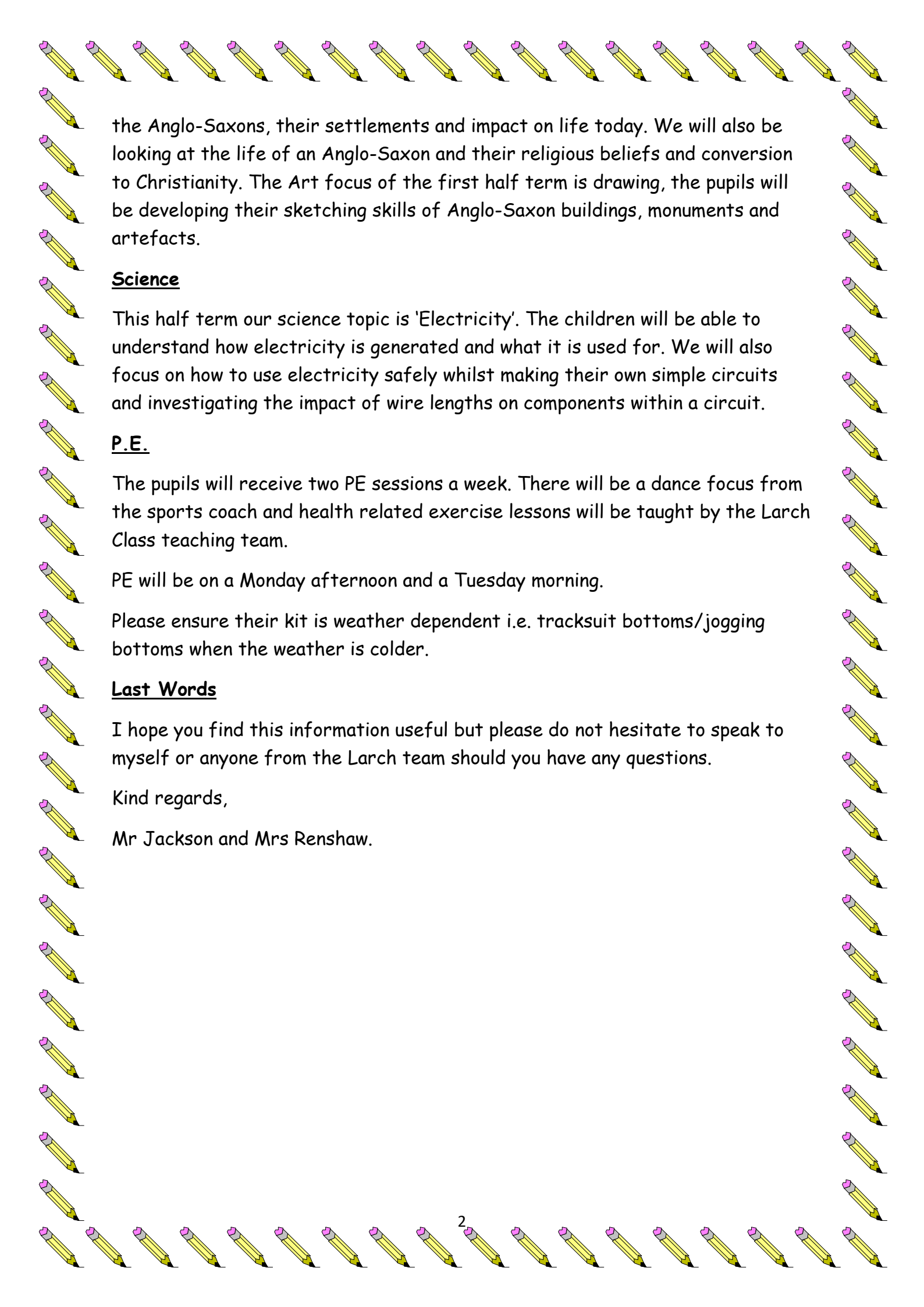
Reading

It is essential that children in Year 4 continue to practise their reading skills every day, to help children continue to develop their fluency and understanding, home reading books will be sent home and to be returned with a signed reading record on **Tuesdays**.

Children take part in guided reading sessions twice a week with a member of staff. 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 and from the school library, which they are free to take home and return once finished.

Topic

Our topic this term is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Throughout this unit of work, the children will be developing both their geographical and historical knowledge. Throughout the first half term, we will be looking at the invasions of



the Anglo-Saxons, their settlements and impact on life today. We will also be looking at the life of an Anglo-Saxon and their religious beliefs and conversion to Christianity. The Art focus of the first half term is drawing, the pupils will be developing their sketching skills of Anglo-Saxon buildings, monuments and artefacts.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Electricity'. The children will be able to understand how electricity is generated and what it is used for. We will also focus on how to use electricity safely whilst making their own simple circuits and investigating the impact of wire lengths on components within a circuit.

P.E.

The pupils will receive two PE sessions a week. There will be a dance focus from the sports coach and health related exercise lessons will be taught by the Larch Class teaching team.

PE will be on a Monday afternoon and a Tuesday morning.

Please ensure their kit is weather dependent i.e. tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms when the weather is colder.

Last Words

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

Kind regards,

Mr Jackson and Mrs Renshaw.