



## Larch Class Newsletter Summer 2 2022

I hope you have all had a lovely break and are feeling well rested and energised for the final half term of the year.

### Maths

We will start this half term by continuing our geometry work. We will be using our knowledge of angles, lines, length and perimeter to sort shapes into groups. We will then be looking at symmetry, we will be identifying lines of symmetry completing shapes. We will then be moving on to position and movement, focusing on plotting co-ordinates on a grid before focusing on Roman numerals.

### English

This half term, we will be focusing on a book called 'I was a rat! Or the scarlet slippers' and then finishing the term with a book called 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown. The children will use their reading strategies such as making predictions, inferences, retrieving information and understanding language as we delve into the book. The book will be used to inspire writing genres such as diary entries, letters, newspaper reports and setting descriptions as well as visualising our own images and creating freeze frames and role plays.

### Spellings

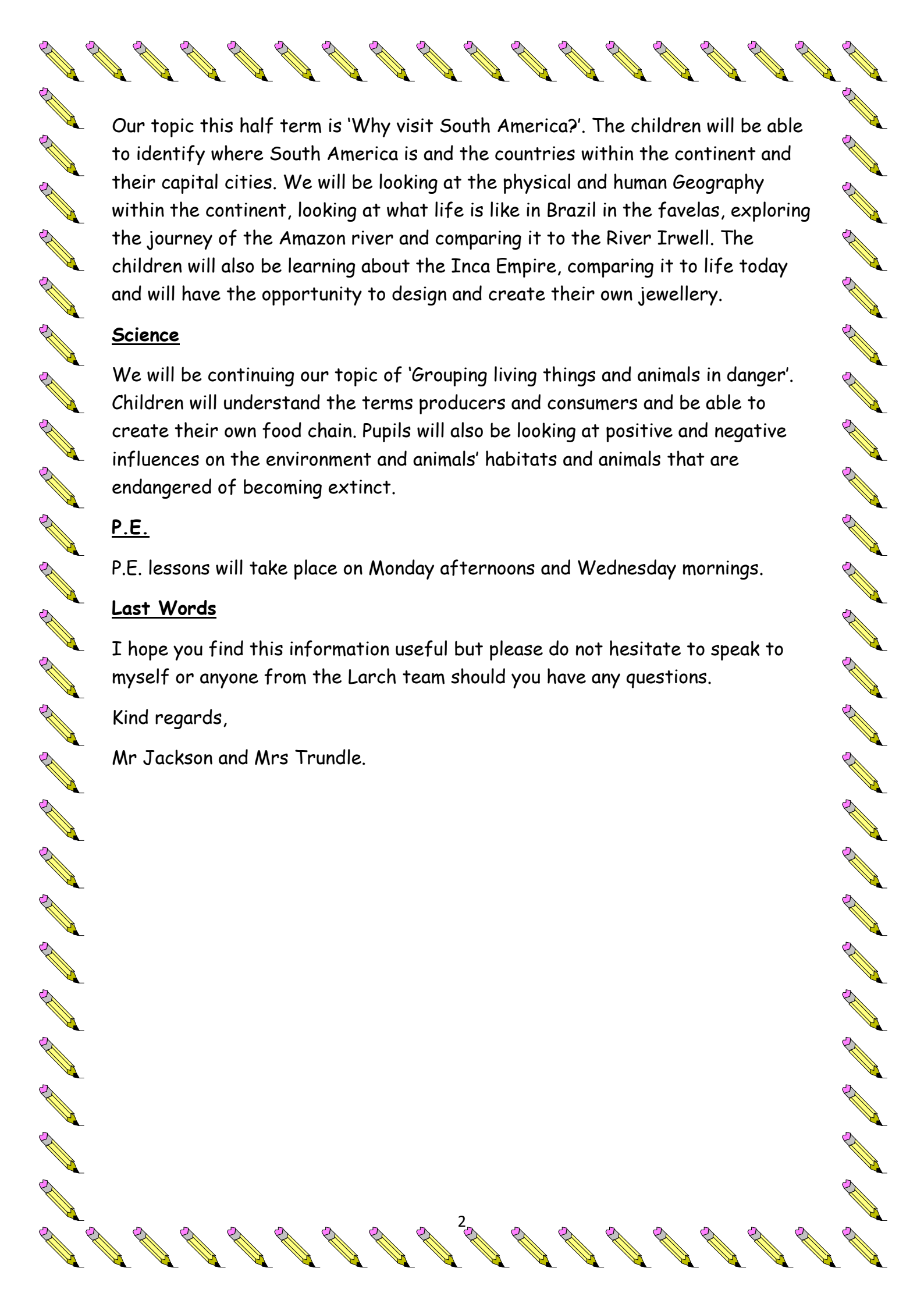
As last half term, there will be a focus on teaching and learning the words on the weekly spelling list in class, rather than sending lists of spellings home. A new list will be given to the children each Monday and they will be tested every Friday. Please look on the class page for each week's spelling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

### Reading

It is essential that children in Year 4 continue to practise their reading skills every day. Reading books are being sent home and to be changed every Friday.

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions three times 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.

### Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Why visit South America?'. The children will be able to identify where South America is and the countries within the continent and their capital cities. We will be looking at the physical and human Geography within the continent, looking at what life is like in Brazil in the favelas, exploring the journey of the Amazon river and comparing it to the River Irwell. The children will also be learning about the Inca Empire, comparing it to life today and will have the opportunity to design and create their own jewellery.

**Science**

We will be continuing our topic of 'Grouping living things and animals in danger'. Children will understand the terms producers and consumers and be able to create their own food chain. Pupils will also be looking at positive and negative influences on the environment and animals' habitats and animals that are endangered of becoming extinct.

**P.E.**

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

**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 Trundle.