



Larch Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2024

I hope you have all had a lovely and well-deserved break and are feeling rested for another packed half term on the run up to Christmas. Below you will find information regarding the curriculum coverage throughout the first half term and information regarding your return to school.

Key dates

Tuesday 29th October - Autumn 2 term begins.

4th November, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November - Larch Class Forest School

6th November - Class trip to Sealife centre

15th November - Children in need

9th December and 16th December - Christmas film nights

11th December - Pantomime visit

12th December - Christmas jumper day

20th December - Break up for Christmas holidays at 2pm

Maths

We will start this half term continuing our multiplication and division topic. We will be multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100, multiplying 3 numbers together before moving on to multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers using a formal method.

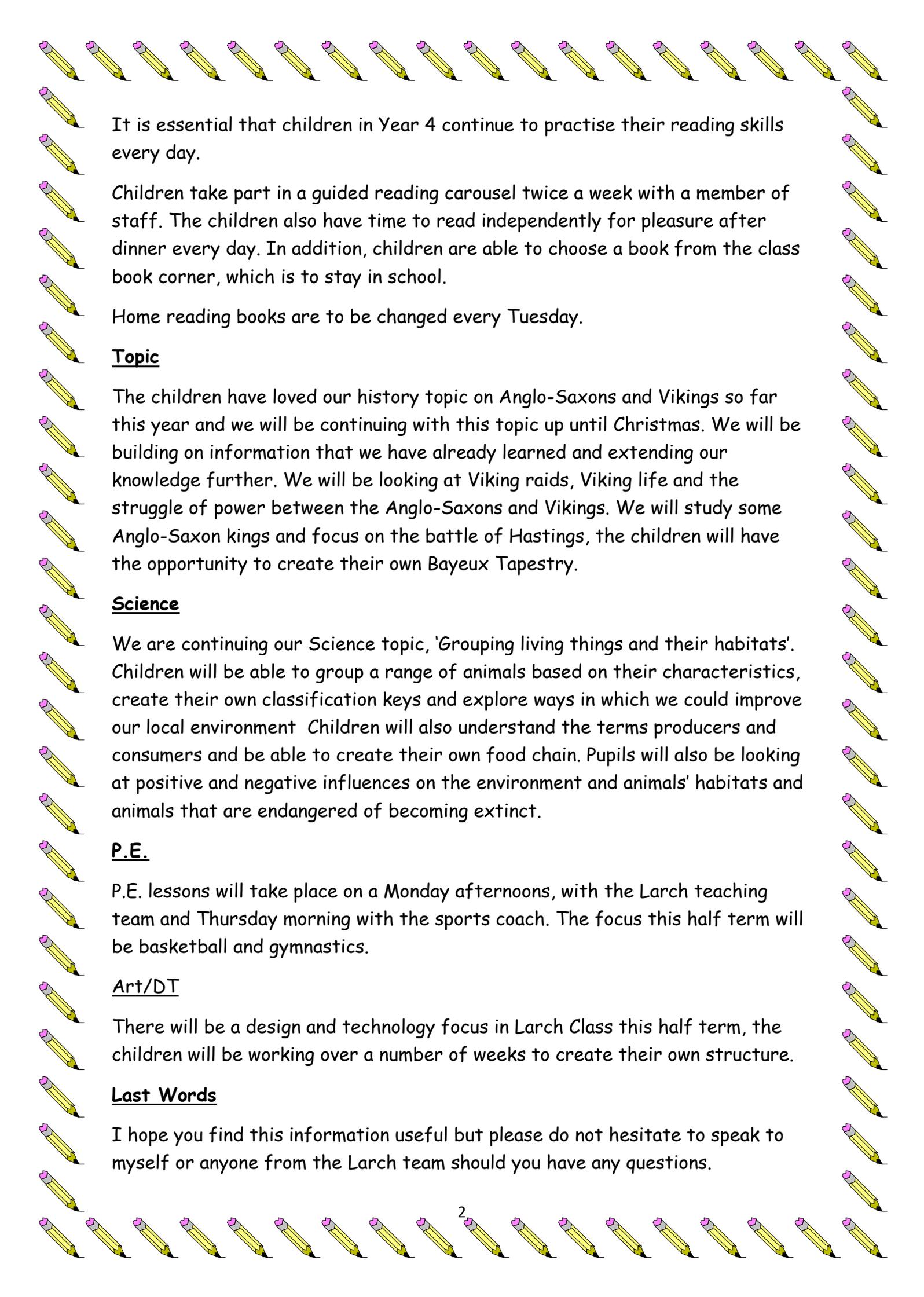
English

We will be continuing our book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', we will be writing in roles, an informal letter, a recount and devising our own playscript.

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.

Children take part in a guided reading carousel 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.

Home reading books are to be changed every Tuesday.

Topic

The children have loved our history topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings so far this year and we will be continuing with this topic up until Christmas. We will be building on information that we have already learned and extending our knowledge further. We will be looking at Viking raids, Viking life and the struggle of power between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will study some Anglo-Saxon kings and focus on the battle of Hastings, the children will have the opportunity to create their own Bayeux Tapestry.

Science

We are continuing our Science topic, 'Grouping living things and their habitats'. Children will be able to group a range of animals based on their characteristics, create their own classification keys and explore ways in which we could improve our local environment. Children will also 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 or becoming extinct.

P.E.

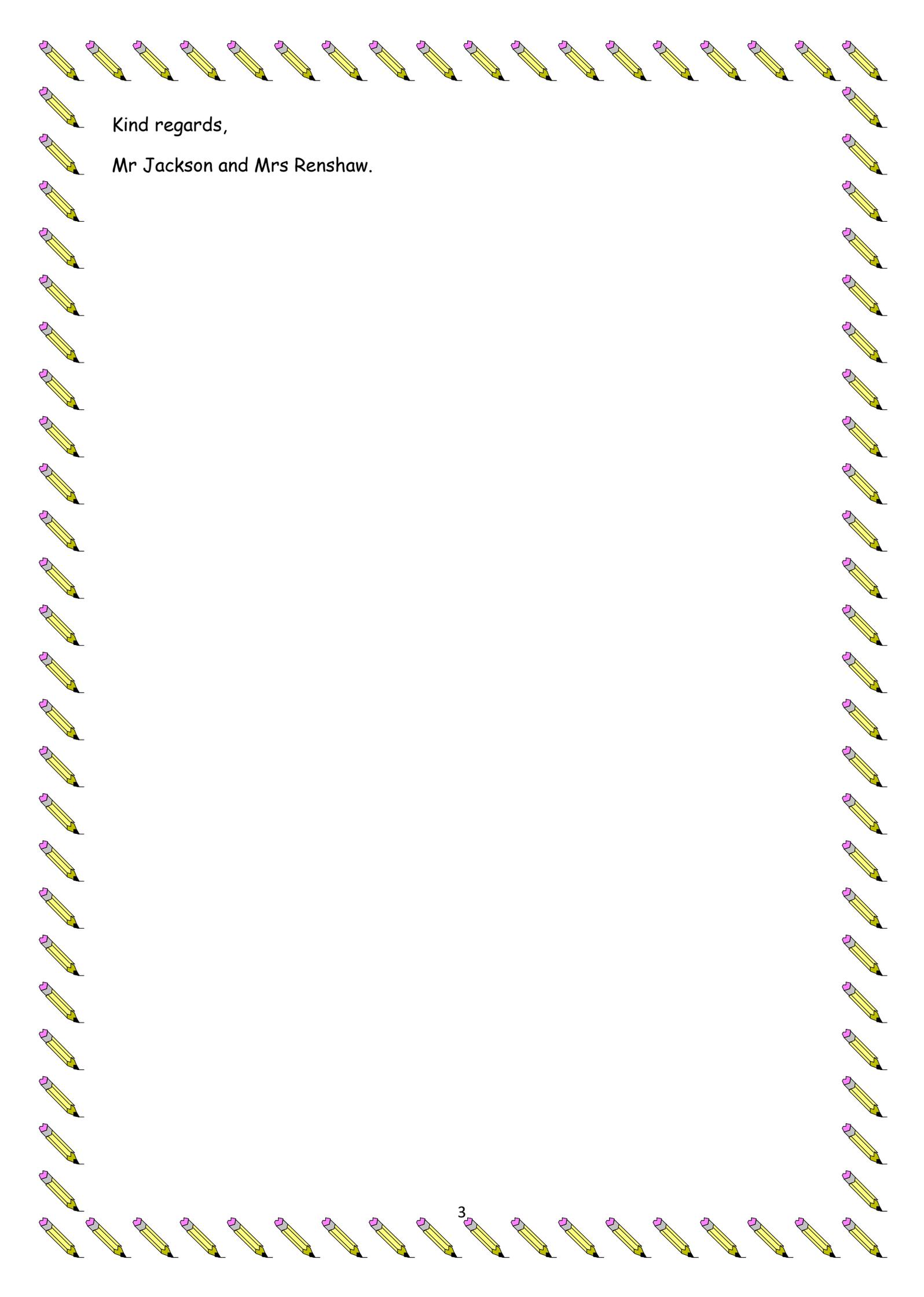
P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday afternoons, with the Larch teaching team and Thursday morning with the sports coach. The focus this half term will be basketball and gymnastics.

Art/DT

There will be a design and technology focus in Larch Class this half term, the children will be working over a number of weeks to create their own structure.

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.