



Larch Class Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a lovely and well - deserved Christmas break. Below you will find information regarding the curriculum coverage throughout the first half term and information regarding your return to school.

Maths

Our first topic in Maths this half term will be 'graphs', we will be reading and drawing a range of graphs. We will then be moving on to 'time', we be telling time to the nearest minute, telling time on a 24 hour clock, changing minutes to seconds and solving problems involving duration of time. We will then be moving on to fractions, we will be finding fractions of amounts, counting in hundredths, writing mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. We will also be adding and subtracting fractions.

English

This half term, we will be focusing on a book called 'Varjak Paw'. The children will use their reading strategies such as making predictions, inferences, retrieving information and understanding language as we delve into the book. It will be used to inspire children to write diary entries, letters, recounts, balanced arguments and newspaper reports.

Spellings

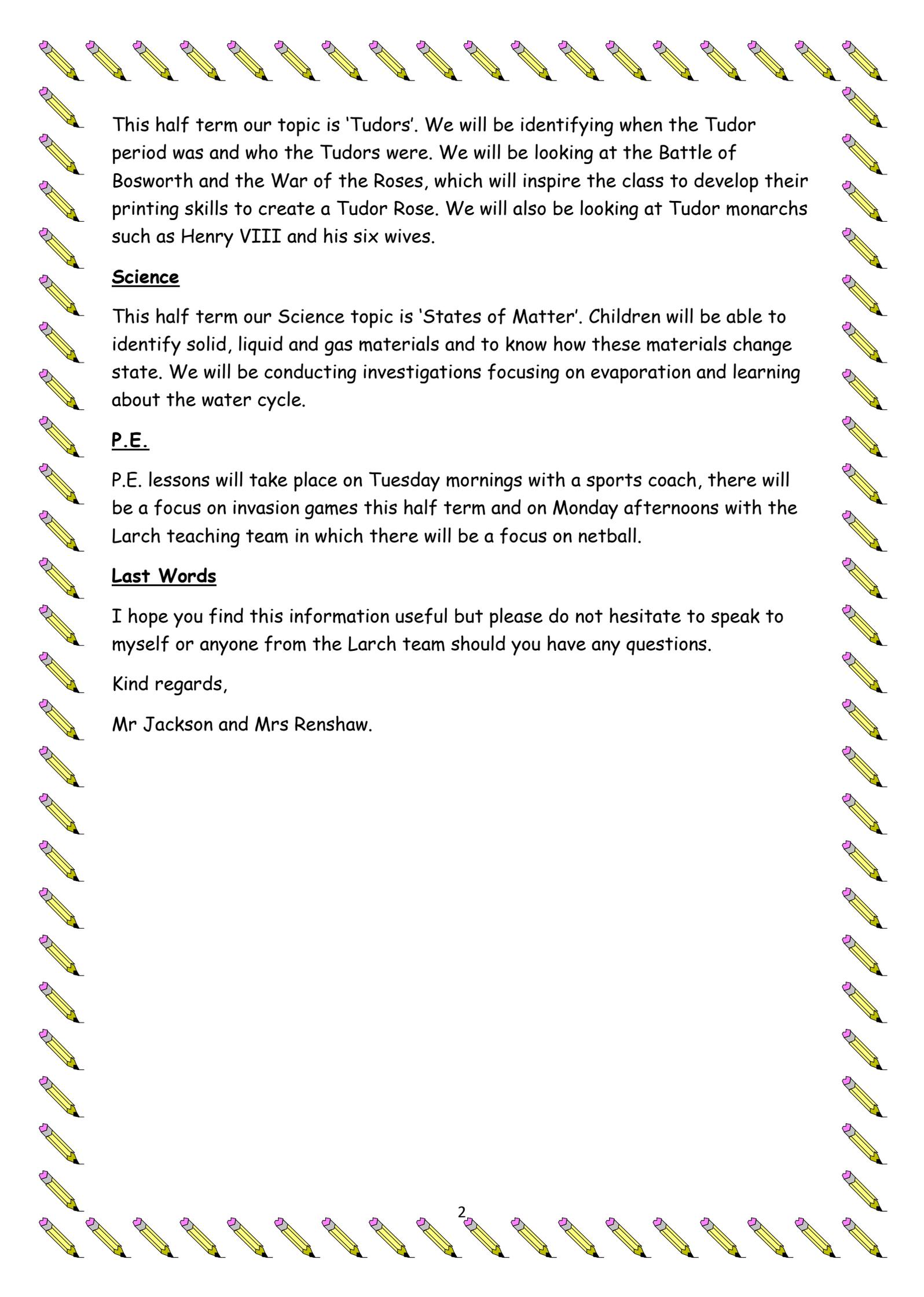
As last half term, there will be a focus on teaching and learning the words on the weekly spelling list in class, rather than sending lists of spellings home. A new list will be given to the children each Monday and they will be tested every Friday. Please look on the class page for each week's spelling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



This half term our topic is 'Tudors'. We will be identifying when the Tudor period was and who the Tudors were. We will be looking at the Battle of Bosworth and the War of the Roses, which will inspire the class to develop their printing skills to create a Tudor Rose. We will also be looking at Tudor monarchs such as Henry VIII and his six wives.

Science

This half term our Science topic is 'States of Matter'. Children will be able to identify solid, liquid and gas materials and to know how these materials change state. We will be conducting investigations focusing on evaporation and learning about the water cycle.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings with a sports coach, there will be a focus on invasion games this half term and on Monday afternoons with the Larch teaching team in which there will be a focus on netball.

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.