



Larch Class Newsletter Spring 2 2023

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and a well-deserved rest.

Maths

We will start this half term by continuing our fractions topic in which the children add and subtract fractions answering as both improper fractions and mixed numbers. We will then be focusing on decimals, we will be writing tenths and hundredths, comparing and ordering decimals, rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, converting decimals to fractions and multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100. We will then be focusing on money, we will be naming and comparing amounts of money and solving problems which include finding total amounts and change from a given amount. We will also be having an extra times tables lesson per week in the build up the times tables check.

English

This half term, we will be continuing with our book 'Varjak Paw' before moving on to 'Fizzlebert Stump'. 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, recounts and adverts as well as visualising our own images and creating freeze frames and role plays.

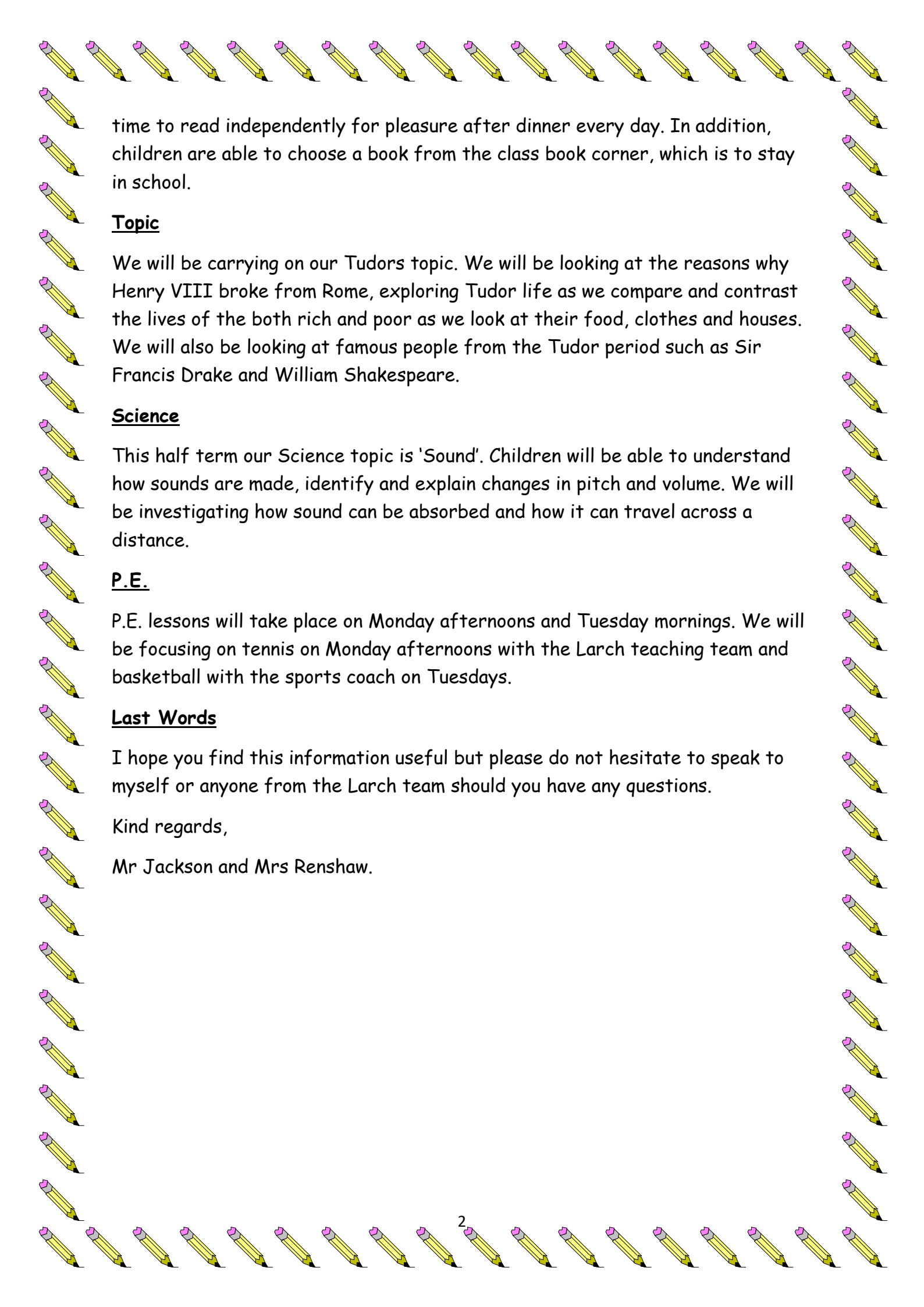
Spellings

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 Thursday. 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 Tuesday. A new incentive will begin this half term in which children can earn extra play at the end of the half term if they bring their reading book on time every week in addition to earning merits.

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

We will be carrying on our Tudors topic. We will be looking at the reasons why Henry VIII broke from Rome, exploring Tudor life as we compare and contrast the lives of the both rich and poor as we look at their food, clothes and houses. We will also be looking at famous people from the Tudor period such as Sir Francis Drake and William Shakespeare.

Science

This half term our Science topic is 'Sound'. Children will be able to understand how sounds are made, identify and explain changes in pitch and volume. We will be investigating how sound can be absorbed and how it can travel across a distance.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings. We will be focusing on tennis on Monday afternoons with the Larch teaching team and basketball with the sports coach on Tuesdays.

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.