

Larch Class Newsletter Spring 2 2025

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and a well-deserved rest for the build up to Easter.

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.

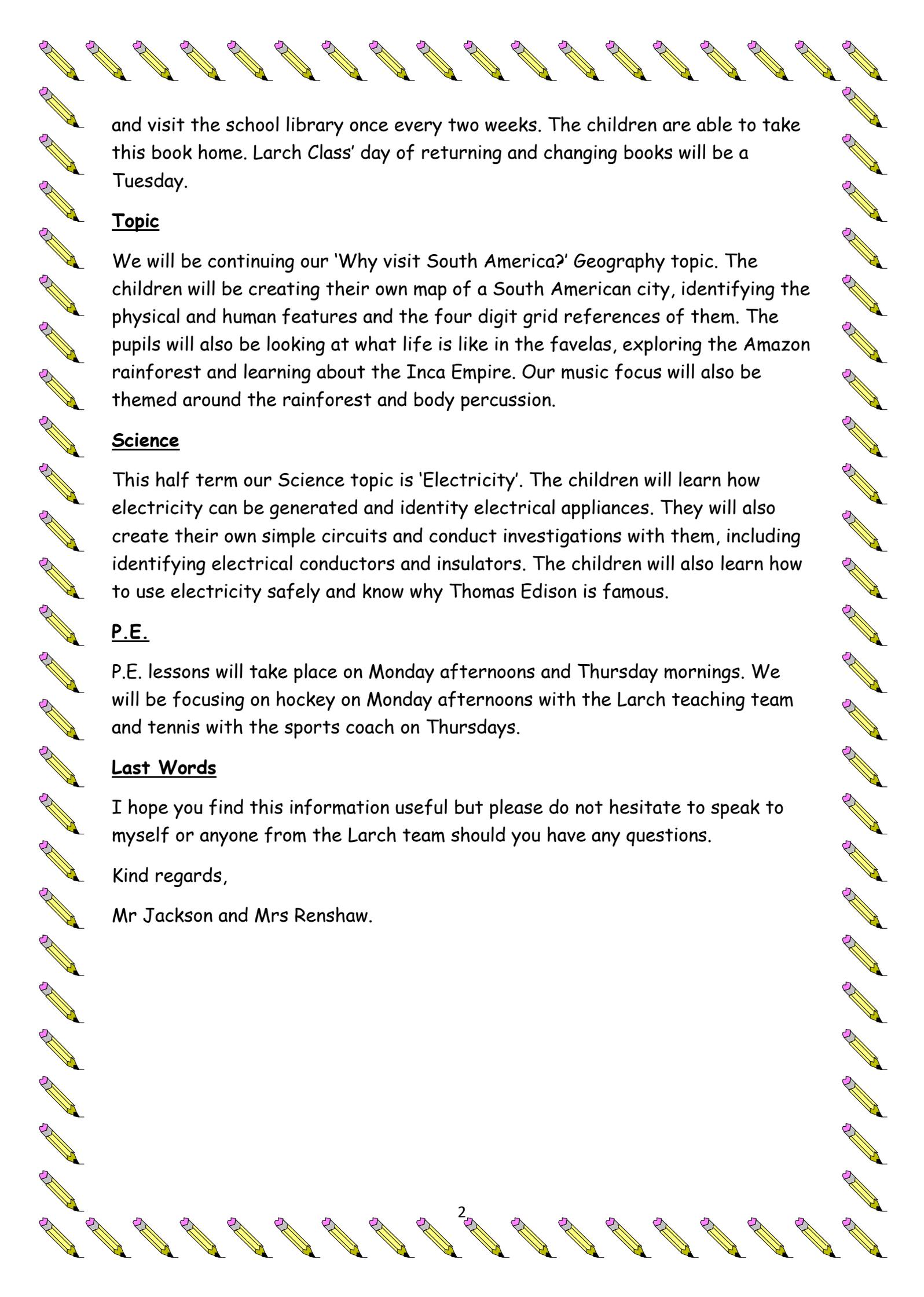
Spellings

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 Friday. Please look on the class page for each week's spelling 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**.

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions twice 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



and visit the school library once every two weeks. The children are able to take this book home. Larch Class' day of returning and changing books will be a Tuesday.

Topic

We will be continuing our 'Why visit South America?' Geography topic. The children will be creating their own map of a South American city, identifying the physical and human features and the four digit grid references of them. The pupils will also be looking at what life is like in the favelas, exploring the Amazon rainforest and learning about the Inca Empire. Our music focus will also be themed around the rainforest and body percussion.

Science

This half term our Science topic is 'Electricity'. The children will learn how electricity can be generated and identify electrical appliances. They will also create their own simple circuits and conduct investigations with them, including identifying electrical conductors and insulators. The children will also learn how to use electricity safely and know why Thomas Edison is famous.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. We will be focusing on hockey on Monday afternoons with the Larch teaching team and tennis with the sports coach on Thursdays.

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.