



## Larch Class Newsletter Spring 2 2026

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 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, as well as sending the 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.

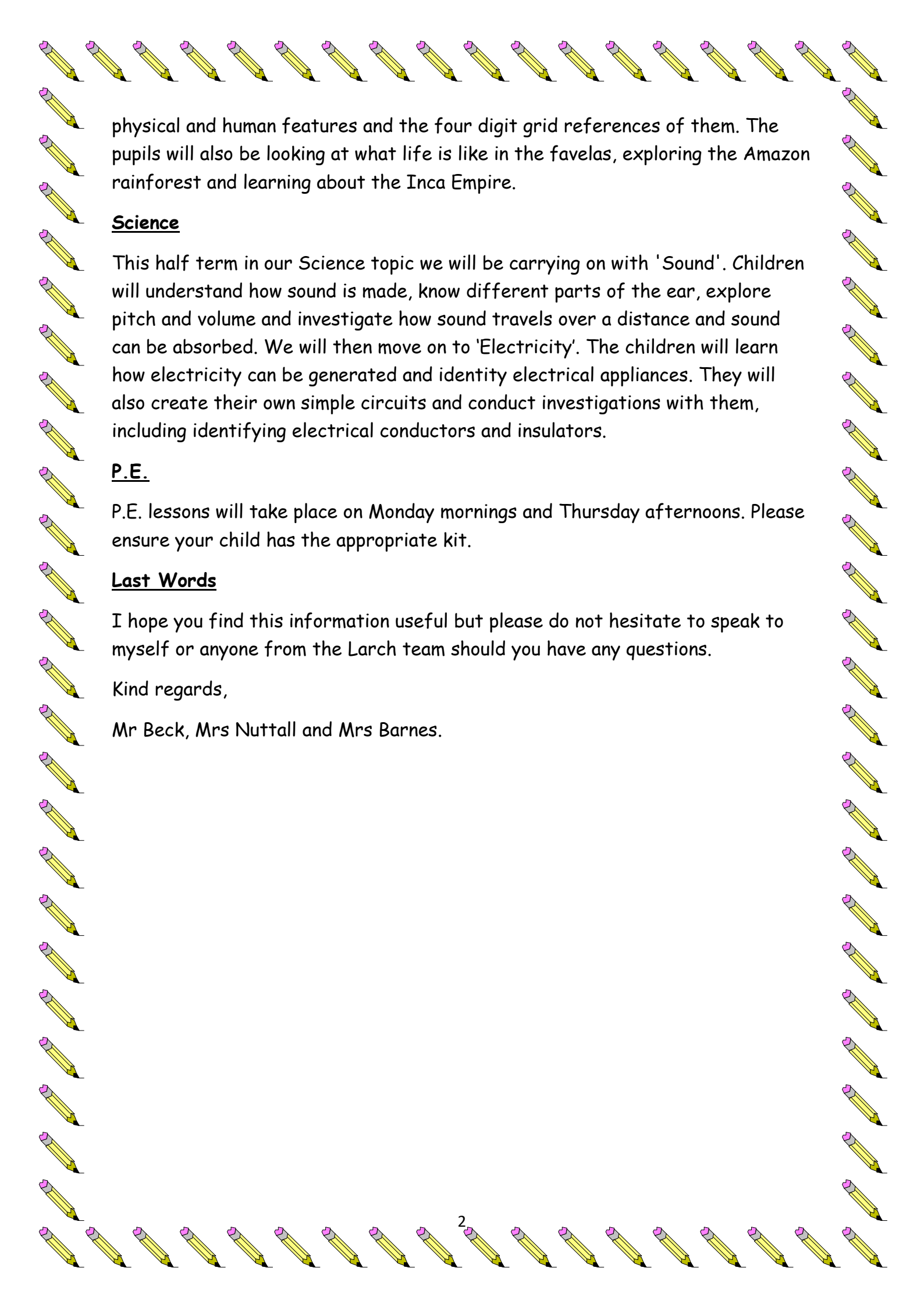
### Reading

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 **Monday**.

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.

### 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.

### Science

This half term in our Science topic we will be carrying on with 'Sound'. Children will understand how sound is made, know different parts of the ear, explore pitch and volume and investigate how sound travels over a distance and sound can be absorbed. We will then move on to '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.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit.

### 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 Beck, Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Barnes.