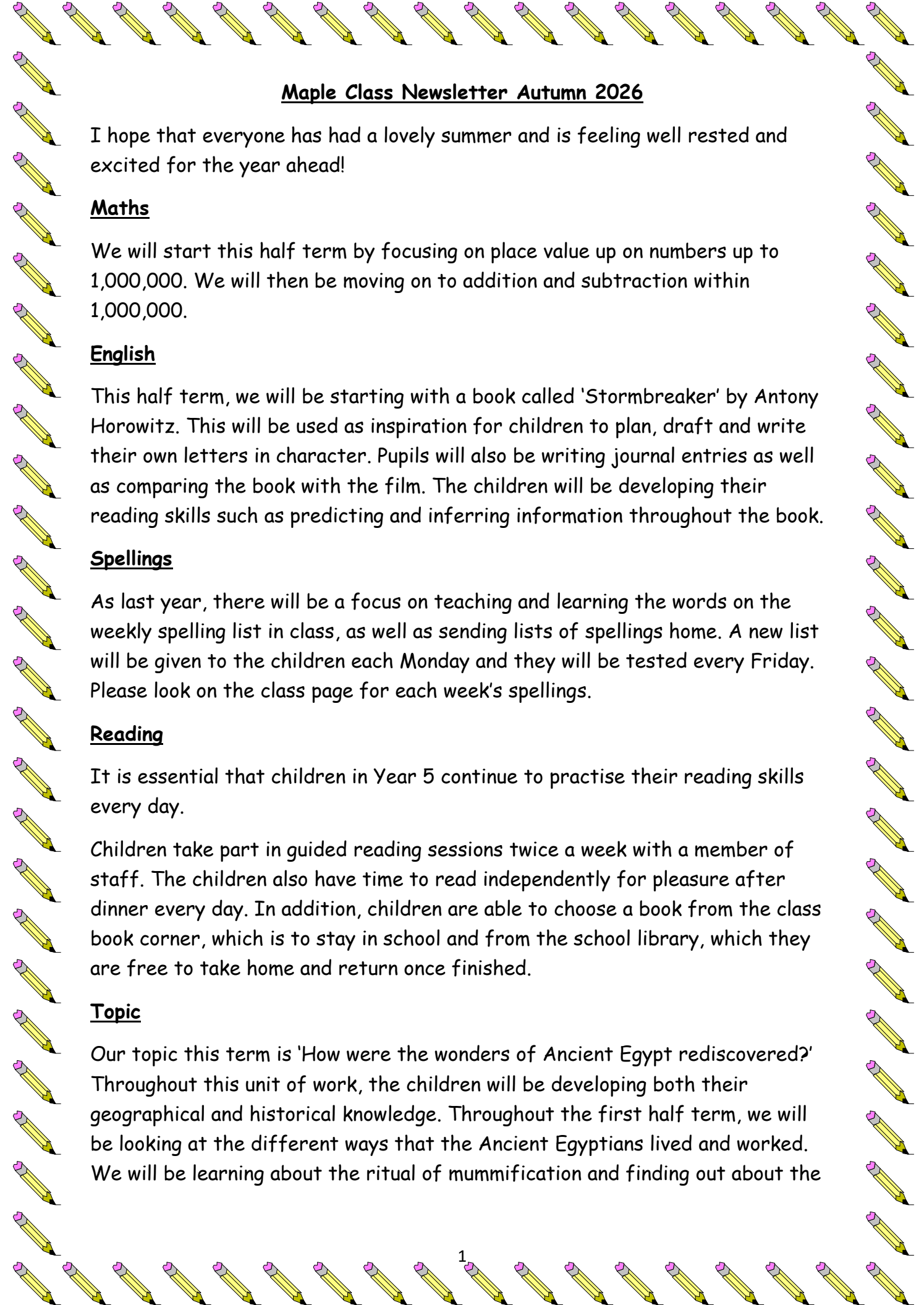




Maple Class Newsletter Autumn 2026

I hope that everyone has had a lovely summer and is feeling well rested and excited for the year ahead!

Maths

We will start this half term by focusing on place value up on numbers up to 1,000,000. We will then be moving on to addition and subtraction within 1,000,000.

English

This half term, we will be starting with a book called 'Stormbreaker' by Antony Horowitz. This will be used as inspiration for children to plan, draft and write their own letters in character. Pupils will also be writing journal entries as well as comparing the book with the film. The children will be developing their reading skills such as predicting and inferring information throughout the book.

Spellings

As last year, there will be a focus on teaching and learning the words on the weekly spelling list in class, as well as 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 spellings.

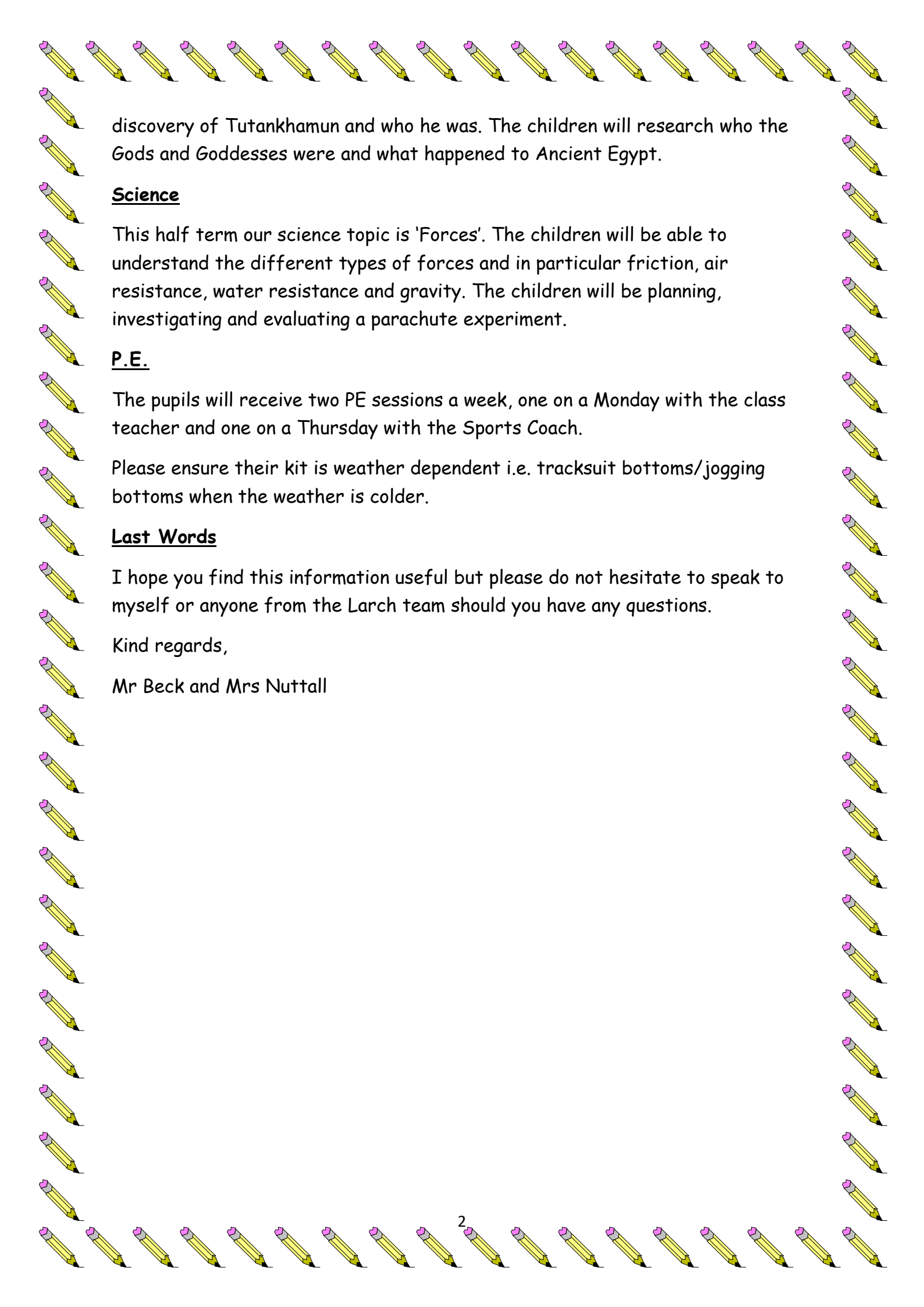
Reading

It is essential that children in Year 5 continue to practise their reading skills every day.

Children take part in guided reading sessions 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 and from the school library, which they are free to take home and return once finished.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'How were the wonders of Ancient Egypt rediscovered?' Throughout this unit of work, the children will be developing both their geographical and historical knowledge. Throughout the first half term, we will be looking at the different ways that the Ancient Egyptians lived and worked. We will be learning about the ritual of mummification and finding out about the



discovery of Tutankhamun and who he was. The children will research who the Gods and Goddesses were and what happened to Ancient Egypt.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Forces'. The children will be able to understand the different types of forces and in particular friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity. The children will be planning, investigating and evaluating a parachute experiment.

P.E.

The pupils will receive two PE sessions a week, one on a Monday with the class teacher and one on a Thursday with the Sports Coach.

Please ensure their kit is weather dependent i.e. tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms when the weather is colder.

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 and Mrs Nuttall