

ST MARY'S CE SCHOOL, PUTNEY
YEAR 2 BRIEFING LETTER TO PARENTS

June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for an exciting build up to the end of the Summer Term and indeed to the end of Year 2!

The programmes of study for this half term are as follows:

MATHEMATICS

Our programme includes: reasoning about numbers, place value, ordering and estimating, money and 'real life' problems, understanding multiplication and division, fractions, handling data, rounding numbers, 2D and 3D shapes, measuring capacity and recording estimates.

ENGLISH

In English we will be continuing with our Power of Reading book, *Ten Things I Can Do to Help My World* by Melanie Walsh. Reading comprehension, handwriting, punctuation rules, writing information including non-chronological reports will also be covered.

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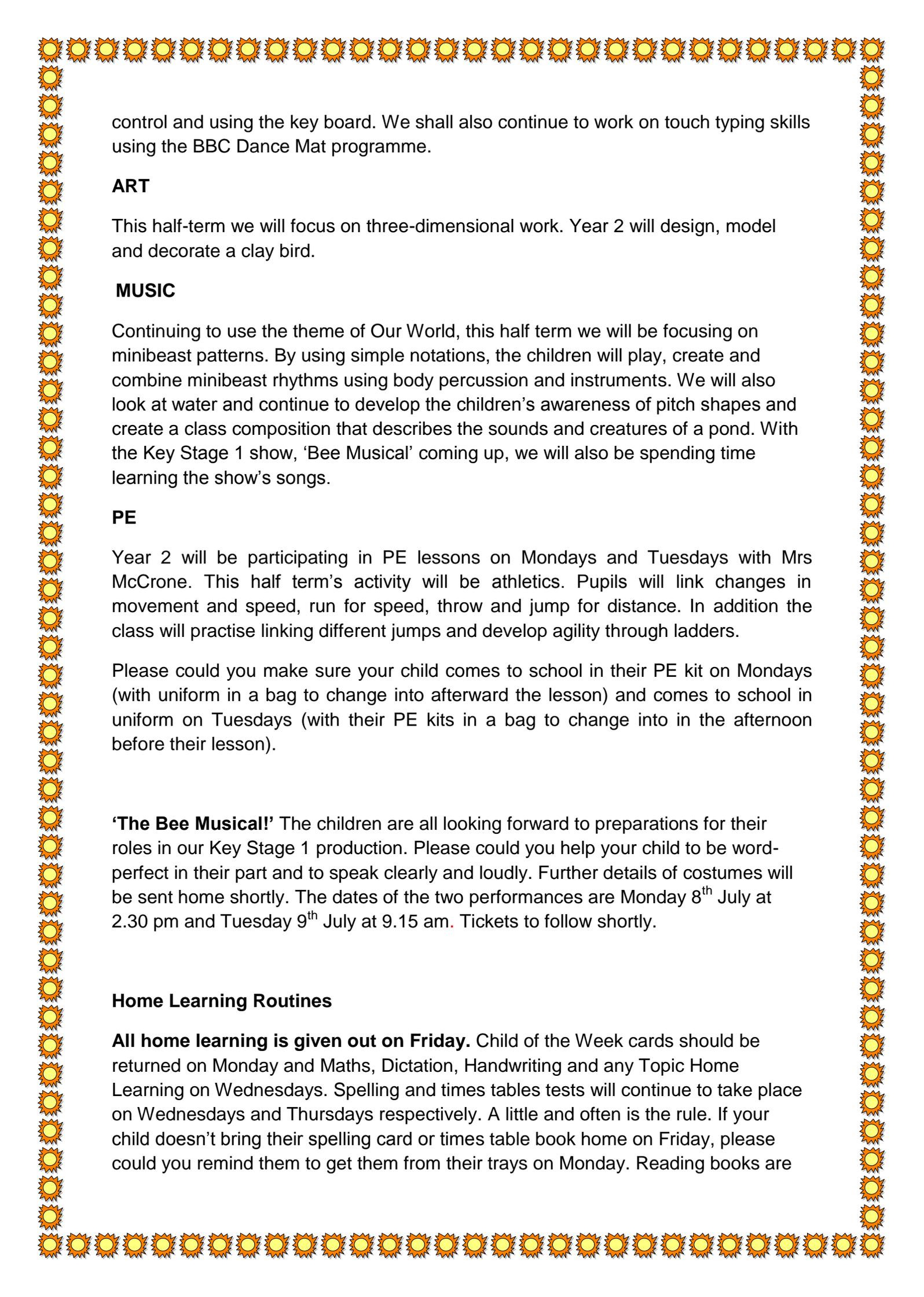
Our topic for this half term is *Why is it Good to Listen to and Remember the Stories Jesus Told?* We shall be exploring Jesus' parables, reflecting on what message Jesus was giving us and thinking about what lessons we might learn from this.

TOPIC

We shall be continuing our topic on Our World and shall be rounding off our learning with two visits: a visit to Barnes Wetland Centre on Thursday 13th of June and a visit to the Wandsworth Recycling Centre on Wednesday 3rd July. There will be an opportunity to come into school and see what we have been doing in our topic Exit Point, which will take place at 2.45p.m. on Thursday 11th July. Further details will be sent home nearer the date but we do hope you will be able to come and join us.

COMPUTING

Our theme is Basic Computer skills and linking Computing with topic work. The children will continue to reinforce basic computer skills e.g. logging on/off, mouse



control and using the key board. We shall also continue to work on touch typing skills using the BBC Dance Mat programme.

ART

This half-term we will focus on three-dimensional work. Year 2 will design, model and decorate a clay bird.

MUSIC

Continuing to use the theme of Our World, this half term we will be focusing on minibeast patterns. By using simple notations, the children will play, create and combine minibeast rhythms using body percussion and instruments. We will also look at water and continue to develop the children's awareness of pitch shapes and create a class composition that describes the sounds and creatures of a pond. With the Key Stage 1 show, 'Bee Musical' coming up, we will also be spending time learning the show's songs.

PE

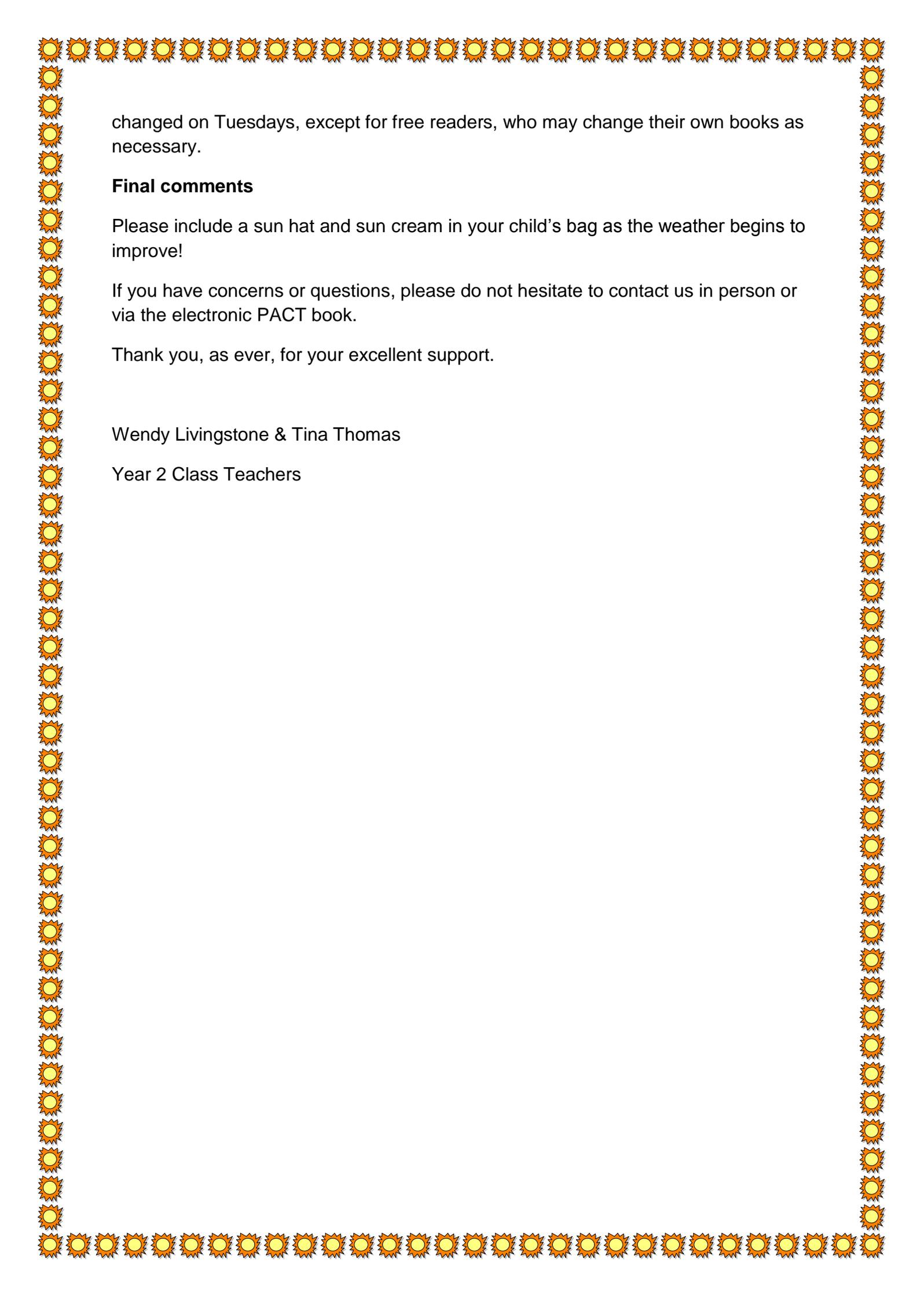
Year 2 will be participating in PE lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays with Mrs McCrone. This half term's activity will be athletics. Pupils will link changes in movement and speed, run for speed, throw and jump for distance. In addition the class will practise linking different jumps and develop agility through ladders.

Please could you make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Mondays (with uniform in a bag to change into afterward the lesson) and comes to school in uniform on Tuesdays (with their PE kits in a bag to change into in the afternoon before their lesson).

'The Bee Musical!' The children are all looking forward to preparations for their roles in our Key Stage 1 production. Please could you help your child to be word-perfect in their part and to speak clearly and loudly. Further details of costumes will be sent home shortly. The dates of the two performances are Monday 8th July at 2.30 pm and Tuesday 9th July at 9.15 am. Tickets to follow shortly.

Home Learning Routines

All home learning is given out on Friday. Child of the Week cards should be returned on Monday and Maths, Dictation, Handwriting and any Topic Home Learning on Wednesdays. Spelling and times tables tests will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively. A little and often is the rule. If your child doesn't bring their spelling card or times table book home on Friday, please could you remind them to get them from their trays on Monday. Reading books are

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changed on Tuesdays, except for free readers, who may change their own books as necessary.

Final comments

Please include a sun hat and sun cream in your child's bag as the weather begins to improve!

If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via the electronic PACT book.

Thank you, as ever, for your excellent support.

Wendy Livingstone & Tina Thomas

Year 2 Class Teachers