

## Year 4 - Class Newsletter

### Spring 2018

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas break. This newsletter gives a brief overview of what we will be up to this term but, as always, if there is anything else you need to know pop in and see us.

**Topic - Please see the attached topic web for an overview of what we are up to in our topic work this term.**

#### Homework

I have attached the homework grid for the first half of the Spring Term. There are 4 compulsory tasks (shaded purple) to be completed over the course of the half term. The due dates for each piece of homework are set out on the homework grid. There is no due date for the Mathematics homework as this should be treated as an ongoing task. We encourage children to use Mathematics as often as possible to support and consolidate the learning we have been doing in class. For the remaining weeks of the half term, children should choose one of the other (non-shaded) tasks.

#### Reading

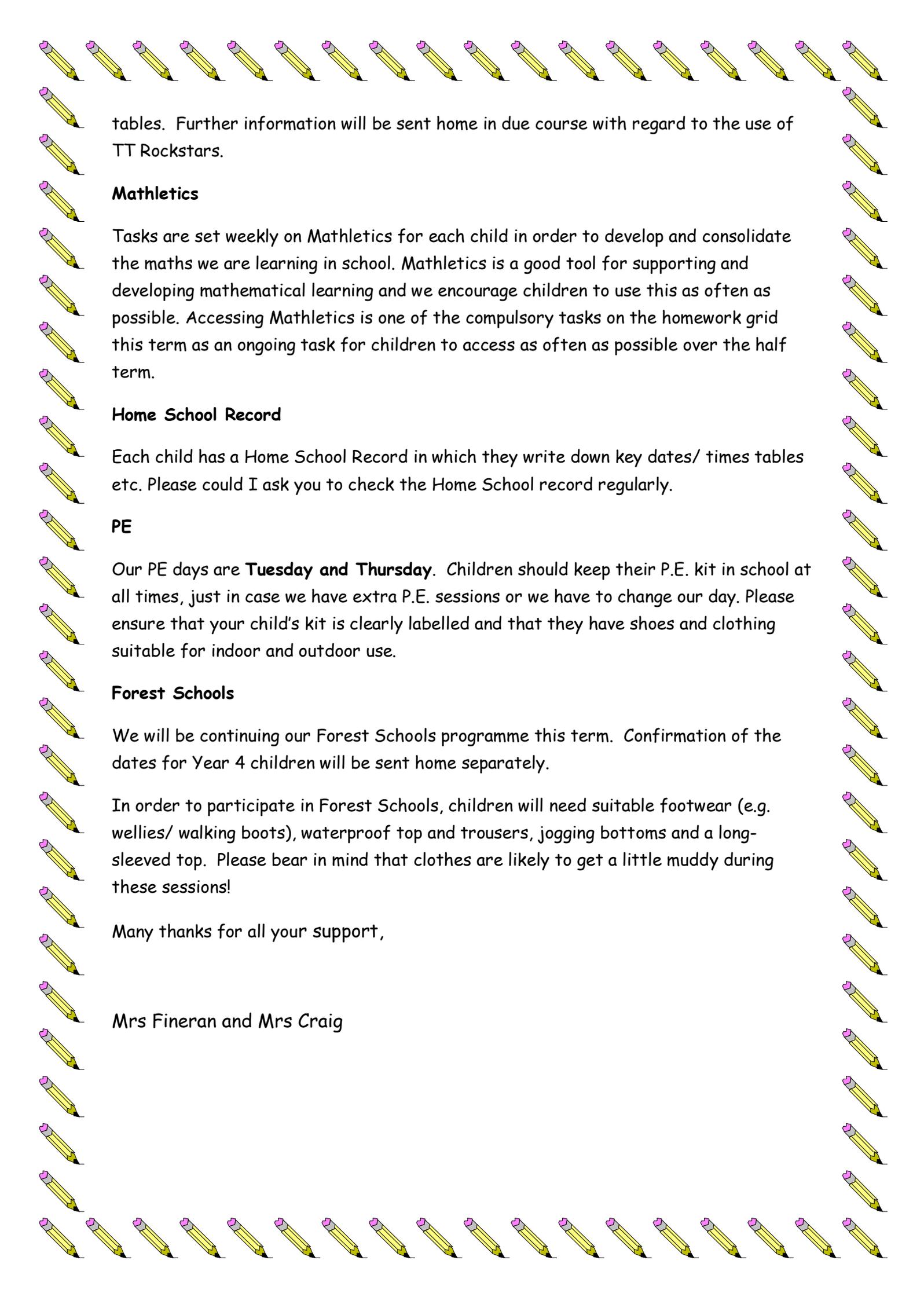
Reading is an important part of the children's learning and we read regularly in lessons, guided reading sessions and quiet reading. It is also important that children read regularly at home and we ask children to aim to read every night. In Year 4, children are given the opportunity to select their own reading books so that they are able to read something that interests them. If your child is struggling to find something that grabs their attention, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

#### Spellings

Spellings will be sent home each **Friday** for children to learn and will be tested on the following **Friday**. Each child has a spelling practice book to take home each week to practise their spellings. Spelling practice books should be handed in each Friday morning please.

#### Times tables

Children in Year 4 need to learn all their times tables (up to and including  $12 \times 12$ ) by heart. We are now using a times table programme called 'TT Rockstars' in school to support the learning of multiplication and division facts. Each child also has an on-line log in so that they can use TT Rockstars at home to further practise their times



tables. Further information will be sent home in due course with regard to the use of TT Rockstars.

### **Mathletics**

Tasks are set weekly on Mathletics for each child in order to develop and consolidate the maths we are learning in school. Mathletics is a good tool for supporting and developing mathematical learning and we encourage children to use this as often as possible. Accessing Mathletics is one of the compulsory tasks on the homework grid this term as an ongoing task for children to access as often as possible over the half term.

### **Home School Record**

Each child has a Home School Record in which they write down key dates/ times tables etc. Please could I ask you to check the Home School record regularly.

### **PE**

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children should keep their P.E. kit in school at all times, just in case we have extra P.E. sessions or we have to change our day. Please ensure that your child's kit is clearly labelled and that they have shoes and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

### **Forest Schools**

We will be continuing our Forest Schools programme this term. Confirmation of the dates for Year 4 children will be sent home separately.

In order to participate in Forest Schools, children will need suitable footwear (e.g. wellies/ walking boots), waterproof top and trousers, jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Please bear in mind that clothes are likely to get a little muddy during these sessions!

Many thanks for all your support,

Mrs Fineran and Mrs Craig