



Nash Class Newsletter

Term 1 and 2 2016

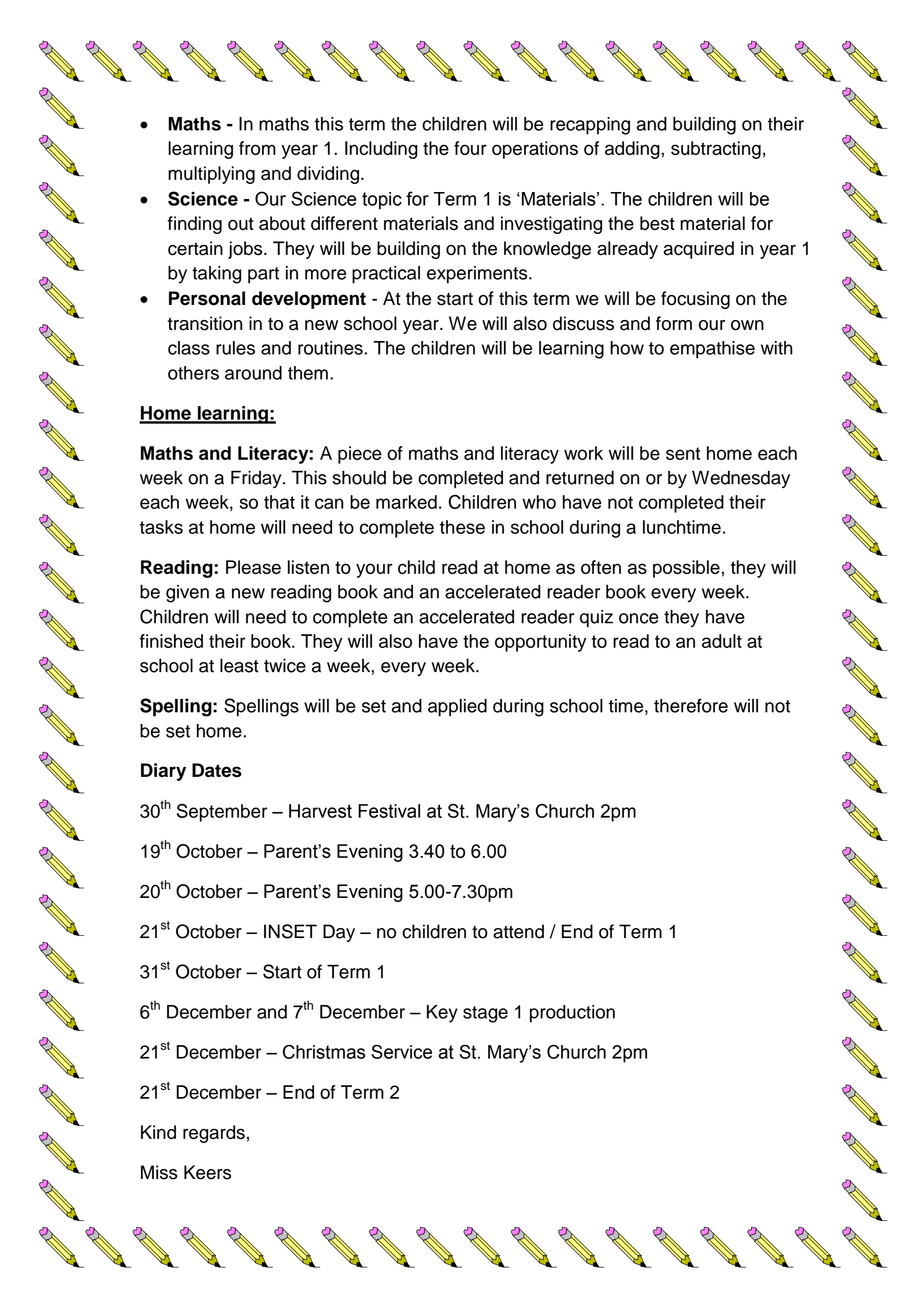
Hello and welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are sure that you are all ready to be back at school.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and welcoming you to an exciting and productive year. I hope your child enjoys learning the new things and getting involved with all the things year 2 has to offer.

Mrs O'Connor will be supporting the class. Mrs Weight and Mr Sapp will also be teaching the class on a Wednesday morning.

This term our topic will be 'Explore, Uncover, and Discover'. We will be incorporating as many areas of the curriculum into this, so here is a brief outline of this terms learning:

- **History** – We will be unearthing facts from Ancient Egypt and Tutankhamun's tomb! The children will be using a range of sources and learning about life was like in this era.
- **Geography** – We will be learning all about the great adventures of Ranulph Fiennes, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. As well as this, they will be working on their map skills and identifying countries across the globe.
- **Art and Design** - Art and Design will revolve around Ancient Egypt and we will be using skills such as weaving, moulding and printing to produce art work.
- **Design Technology** – Children will be making pull along sleds and testing the strength of their designs.
- **P.E.** – P.E. will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and that it is in school every day. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taken out. Mr Sapp will be taking one of the P.E. sessions. As we approach the colder weather please provide your children with a pair of jogging bottoms, as one of the sessions of P. E. will be outside each week.
- **Computing** – The children will be using a range of computing equipment to research, write and display ideas linked to our explore, uncover, discover topic.
- **Literacy** - All of our literacy will be based around high quality books, building on the children's previous work in year 1. This approach to teaching the English curriculum is creative, engaging and will hopefully develop and continue a love of literacy. We will start the term looking at 'Man on the Moon'.

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- **Maths** - In maths this term the children will be recapping and building on their learning from year 1. Including the four operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.
 - **Science** - Our Science topic for Term 1 is 'Materials'. The children will be finding out about different materials and investigating the best material for certain jobs. They will be building on the knowledge already acquired in year 1 by taking part in more practical experiments.
 - **Personal development** - At the start of this term we will be focusing on the transition in to a new school year. We will also discuss and form our own class rules and routines. The children will be learning how to empathise with others around them.

Home learning:

Maths and Literacy: A piece of maths and literacy work will be sent home each week on a Friday. This should be completed and returned on or by Wednesday each week, so that it can be marked. Children who have not completed their tasks at home will need to complete these in school during a lunchtime.

Reading: Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible, they will be given a new reading book and an accelerated reader book every week. Children will need to complete an accelerated reader quiz once they have finished their book. They will also have the opportunity to read to an adult at school at least twice a week, every week.

Spelling: Spellings will be set and applied during school time, therefore will not be set home.

Diary Dates

30th September – Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church 2pm

19th October – Parent's Evening 3.40 to 6.00

20th October – Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30pm

21st October – INSET Day – no children to attend / End of Term 1

31st October – Start of Term 1

6th December and 7th December – Key stage 1 production

21st December – Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm

21st December – End of Term 2

Kind regards,

Miss Keers