



Nash Class Newsletter

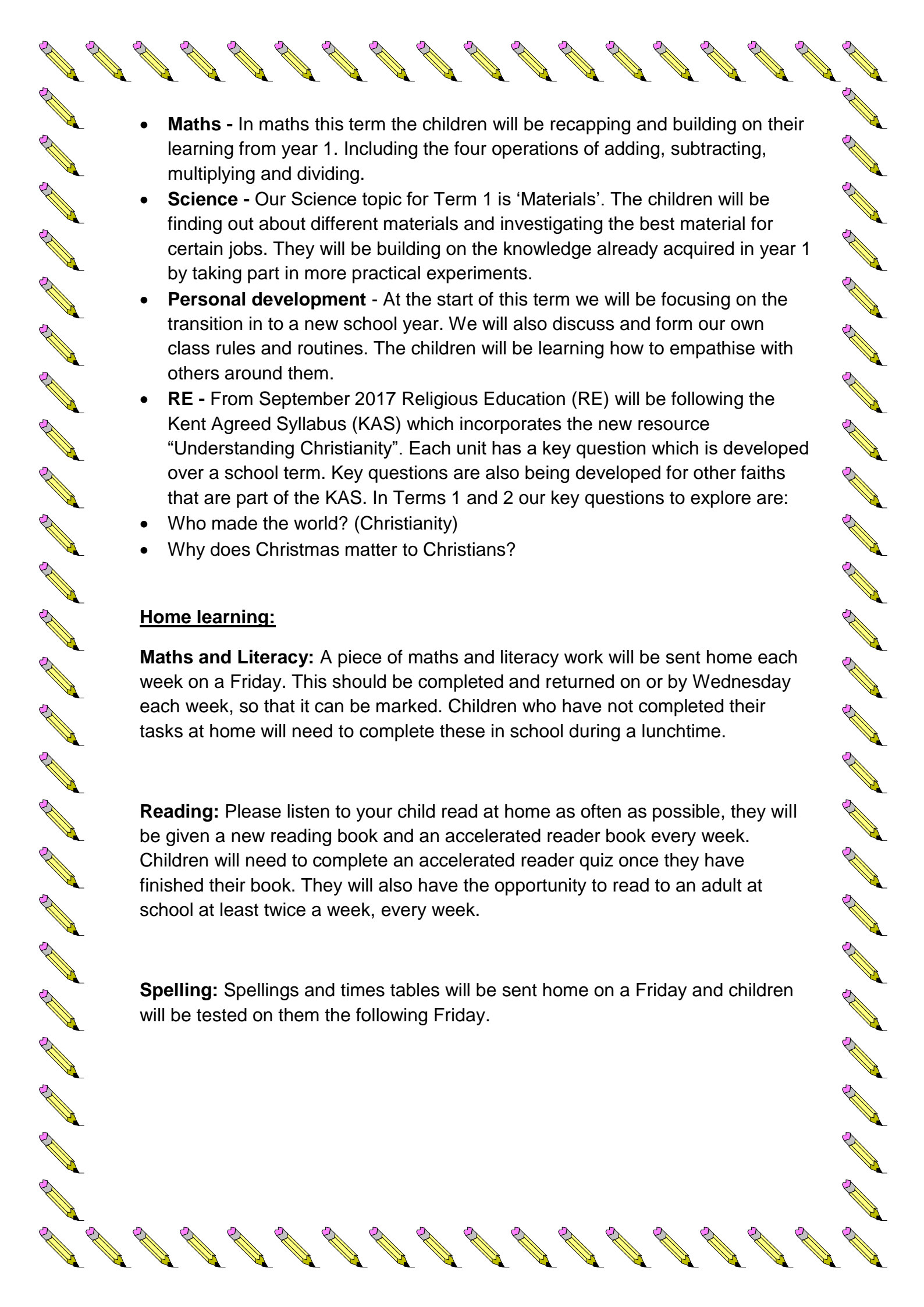
Term 1 and 2 2017

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.

This term our topic will be 'Home Sweet Home'. 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 exploring houses throughout different historical periods and finding out about what daily life used to be like!
- **Geography** – We will be learning all about houses from around the world and comparing these to our own experiences.
- **Art and Design** - Art and Design will revolve around using a variety of techniques. We will be exploring creating digital art as well as using paints and learning about texture and tone.
- **Design Technology** – Children will be exploring how electrical circuits work, deigning lamp shades for a home and creating a gingerbread house!
- **Music** – Music will be taught on a Wednesday morning by Mrs Witherden where children will get the chance to learn how to play ocarinas.
- **P.E.** – P.E. will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. 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 home sweet home 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.
 - **RE** - From September 2017 Religious Education (RE) will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity". Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are:
 - Who made the world? (Christianity)
 - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

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 and times tables will be sent home on a Friday and children will be tested on them the following Friday.