

Oldbrook First School



Living and Learning Together

Year 1 - Autumn 1st half term

This half term our topic will be based on *Percy the Park Keeper* stories by Nick Butterworth and much of our work will be cross-curricular, linking subjects wherever possible.

This half term we are learning to

English: To read and spell key high frequency words and use them to write sentences. To read stories with familiar settings, using lists, labels and captions and exploring the senses through poetry. To continue to learn how to write sounds including those which are written using more than one letter (e.g. 'ee'). To talk about fiction and non-fiction and to learn features of these forms of writing.

Maths: To be confident counting, writing and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. To know one more and one less than a number. To add and subtract to using numbers to 20 and beyond. To name the days of the week and the months of the year. To measure length and be able to describe 2D and 3D shapes. To develop mental maths strategies to help calculate quickly.

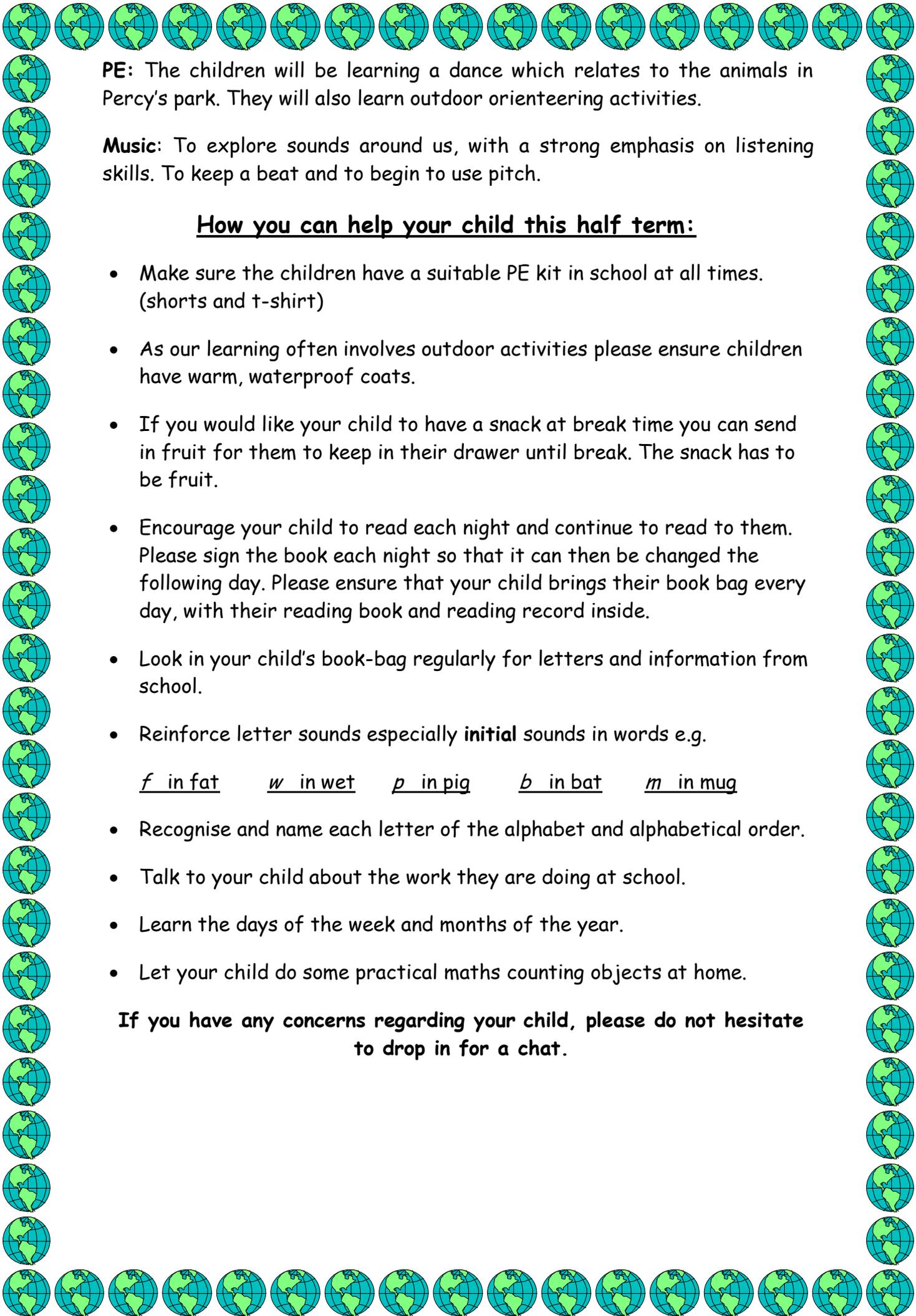
Computing: Know how information is displayed around us. To create text and pictures on a computer. To alter text on a computer.

Science: To name our five senses and know which parts of the body they relate to. To learn about living things and how they grow, change, move, eat and drink.

Geography: To know about some of the different places that animals and food come from. To investigate the local environment. We will also talk about the seasons and the weather and how this changes the environment.

RE: To learn about the celebration of Harvest. We will learn how and why it is celebrated.

Art and Design: We will use observation skills to paint and draw animals. The children will make sculptures in clay and will also use natural objects influenced by the art of Andy Goldsworthy.



PE: The children will be learning a dance which relates to the animals in Percy's park. They will also learn outdoor orienteering activities.

Music: To explore sounds around us, with a strong emphasis on listening skills. To keep a beat and to begin to use pitch.

How you can help your child this half term:

- Make sure the children have a suitable PE kit in school at all times. (shorts and t-shirt)
- As our learning often involves outdoor activities please ensure children have warm, waterproof coats.
- If you would like your child to have a snack at break time you can send in fruit for them to keep in their drawer until break. The snack has to be fruit.
- Encourage your child to read each night and continue to read to them. Please sign the book each night so that it can then be changed the following day. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag every day, with their reading book and reading record inside.
- Look in your child's book-bag regularly for letters and information from school.
- Reinforce letter sounds especially **initial** sounds in words e.g.
f in fat w in wet p in pig b in bat m in mug
- Recognise and name each letter of the alphabet and alphabetical order.
- Talk to your child about the work they are doing at school.
- Learn the days of the week and months of the year.
- Let your child do some practical maths counting objects at home.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to drop in for a chat.