



## Term 2 Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Puffins and Swans

This term our topic is 'Terrific Tales'. Our story focus is 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be learning the story and signs to help us tell the story. We will be using characters and puppets to help us develop our language skills by retelling parts of the story. We will also be reading other traditional tales.

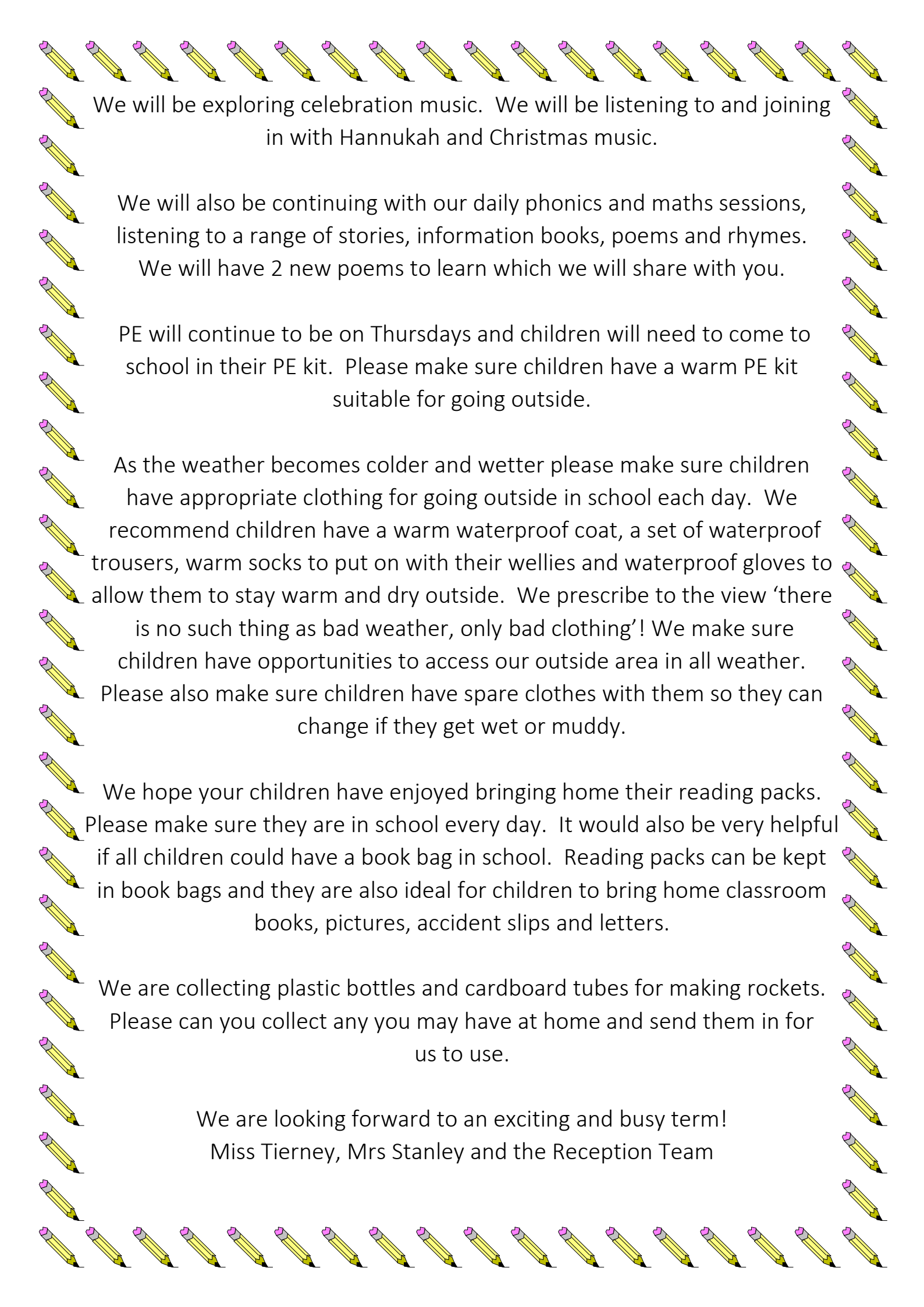
We will be finding out why bonfire night is celebrated and talking about fireworks and bonfires we have seen. We will be making paintings of fireworks and bonfires. We will be making models of rockets, thinking carefully about how to join the pieces together.

We have an author visit to promote anti-bullying week where we will explore the story 'Mud Boy' by Sarah Siggs. We will be finding out about how some people have overcome prejudice to make amazing achievements for example Mae Jemison, Katherine Johnson and Barack Obama. Our PSHE (Jigsaw) topic is 'Celebrating Difference' and we will continue talking about how we are all unique.

Last term we loved looking at aerial maps of school, where we live and places we visit. This term we are going to make some simple maps, for example from the story 'The Little Red Hen'.

We are going to be talking about the seasons, how they change and what is special about Autumn.

We are going to find out who celebrates Hannukah and why. We will be learning the Hannukah story. We will be learning the Christmas story and talking about why it is so important to Christians. We will be talking about how we celebrate Christmas in our own families and learning about different traditions we might have. We will also be finding out if all countries celebrate Christmas in the same way.



We will be exploring celebration music. We will be listening to and joining in with Hannukah and Christmas music.

We will also be continuing with our daily phonics and maths sessions, listening to a range of stories, information books, poems and rhymes. We will have 2 new poems to learn which we will share with you.

PE will continue to be on Thursdays and children will need to come to school in their PE kit. Please make sure children have a warm PE kit suitable for going outside.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter please make sure children have appropriate clothing for going outside in school each day. We recommend children have a warm waterproof coat, a set of waterproof trousers, warm socks to put on with their wellies and waterproof gloves to allow them to stay warm and dry outside. We prescribe to the view 'there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing'! We make sure children have opportunities to access our outside area in all weather. Please also make sure children have spare clothes with them so they can change if they get wet or muddy.

We hope your children have enjoyed bringing home their reading packs. Please make sure they are in school every day. It would also be very helpful if all children could have a book bag in school. Reading packs can be kept in book bags and they are also ideal for children to bring home classroom books, pictures, accident slips and letters.

We are collecting plastic bottles and cardboard tubes for making rockets. Please can you collect any you may have at home and send them in for us to use.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term!  
Miss Tierney, Mrs Stanley and the Reception Team