



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a Happy Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year. Don't forget if you ever have any questions, messages or queries, please use the communication book. I look forward to hearing about what the children got up to over the Christmas break.

Miss Jarvis

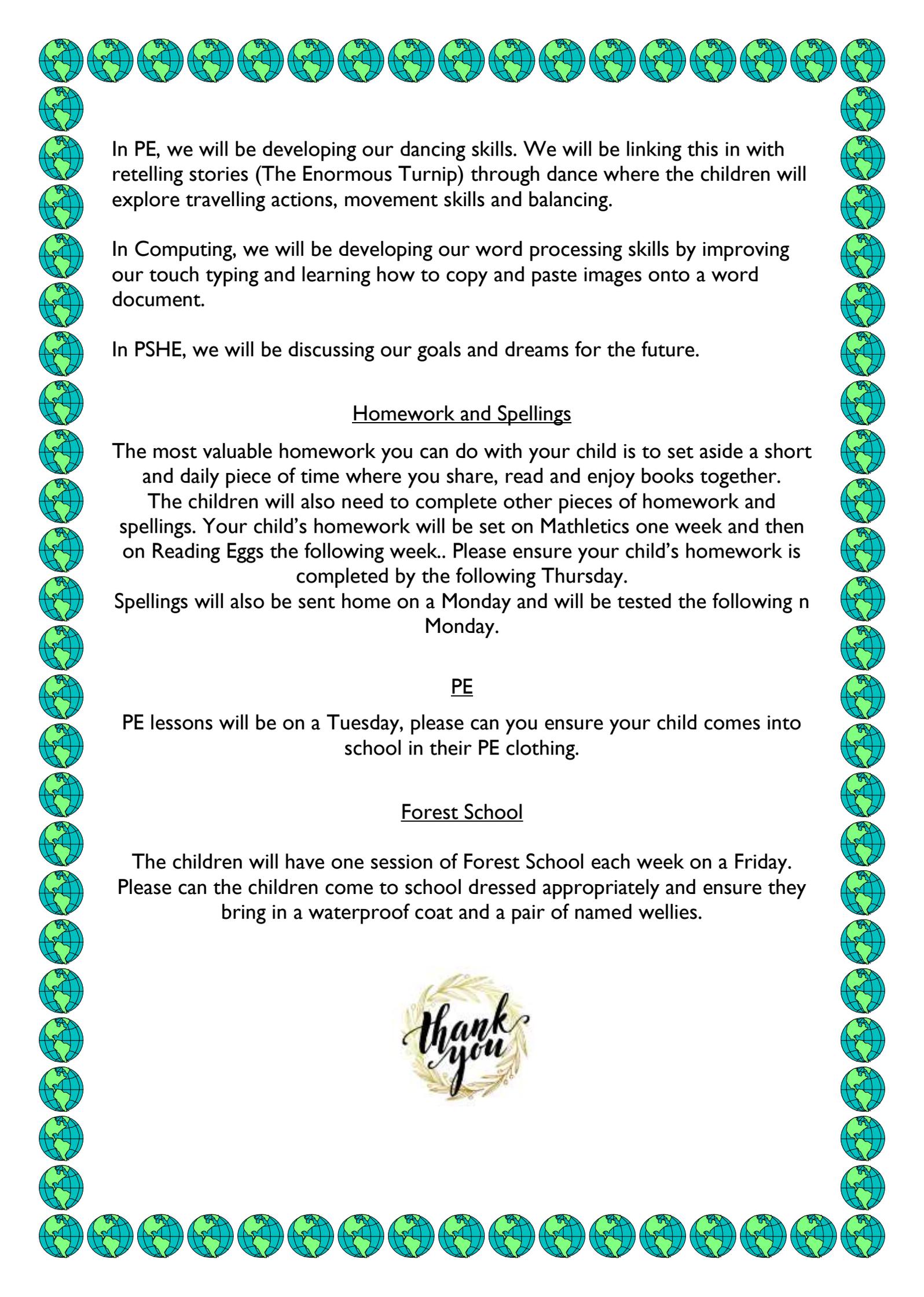
Our second Big Question of the year is: Do inventions make the world a better place? We will begin by making observations of a variety of inventions and inferring what they are used for. We will be looking at the inventions of Mary Walton (a chimney for a locomotive) and Alexander Bell (telephone) to form a basis of our answers. We will be using these significant people to describe significant people from the past and to explain how the events of the past impact on our lives today. During this term, we will be having another WOW with a geography focus. More information will be sent home at a later date.

In English, the children will participate in regular Read Write Inc Phonics sessions and regular reading skills sessions in which we will be developing our understanding of what we have read. During our writing skills sessions, we will be retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk before writing our own versions using a variety of conjunctions and punctuation.

In Maths, we will begin by finishing our work on identifying the features of 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto identifying coins and notes and using our understanding of money to solve problems.

In Science, we will be naming a variety of materials and exploring the different properties they have. We will then be using this knowledge to complete challenges linked into choosing the correct material for a given purpose.

In RE, we will be discussing and exploring the question: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will begin with retelling the nativity story before thinking about the importance of this story.



In PE, we will be developing our dancing skills. We will be linking this in with retelling stories (The Enormous Turnip) through dance where the children will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing.

In Computing, we will be developing our word processing skills by improving our touch typing and learning how to copy and paste images onto a word document.

In PSHE, we will be discussing our goals and dreams for the future.

Homework and Spellings

The most valuable homework you can do with your child is to set aside a short and daily piece of time where you share, read and enjoy books together.

The children will also need to complete other pieces of homework and spellings. Your child's homework will be set on Mathletics one week and then on Reading Eggs the following week.. Please ensure your child's homework is completed by the following Thursday.

Spellings will also be sent home on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday, please can you ensure your child comes into school in their PE clothing.

Forest School

The children will have one session of Forest School each week on a Friday. Please can the children come to school dressed appropriately and ensure they bring in a waterproof coat and a pair of named wellies.

