

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term! We have had a productive first term, and we have an exciting term ahead, with our Egyptian themed Big Question and the lead up to Christmas. Thank you for your support with last term, and special thanks for all the brilliant homework projects! 😊

We will be exploring our new big question: How did Ancient Egyptian use rivers? We will be identifying Egypt and describing where it is located using physical features nearby. There will be specific focus on the River Nile and how it had such impact on the Egyptian citizens' lives. Additionally, we will be investigating how ancient Egyptian societies were structured, examining key pharaohs including Tutankhamun and Cleopatra, exploring why the Ancient Egyptians built pyramids and inspecting the importance of the Rosetta Stone.

In English, we will be writing a Remembrance Day poem. The children will be reading and analysing a variety of poetry and learning how to use poetic language, including similes, metaphors, rhyming couplets, personification, onomatopoeia and alliteration. After this, we will move onto writing a diary entry, based on our class book 'Charlotte's Web'. We will be writing from the perspective of Charlotte.

In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. They will use place value, number facts, factor pairs, commutativity, and inverse operations in mental calculations. We will learn to recall multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12×12 , and use this knowledge to help us solve a variety of other calculations and apply our newly found knowledge and skills - any help at home with this is greatly appreciated.

Our class reading book this term is 'Charlotte's Web'. The children will be taught VIPER reading skills such as, how to make predictions, use inferencing to help understand the text and retrieve information from text to answer comprehension questions.

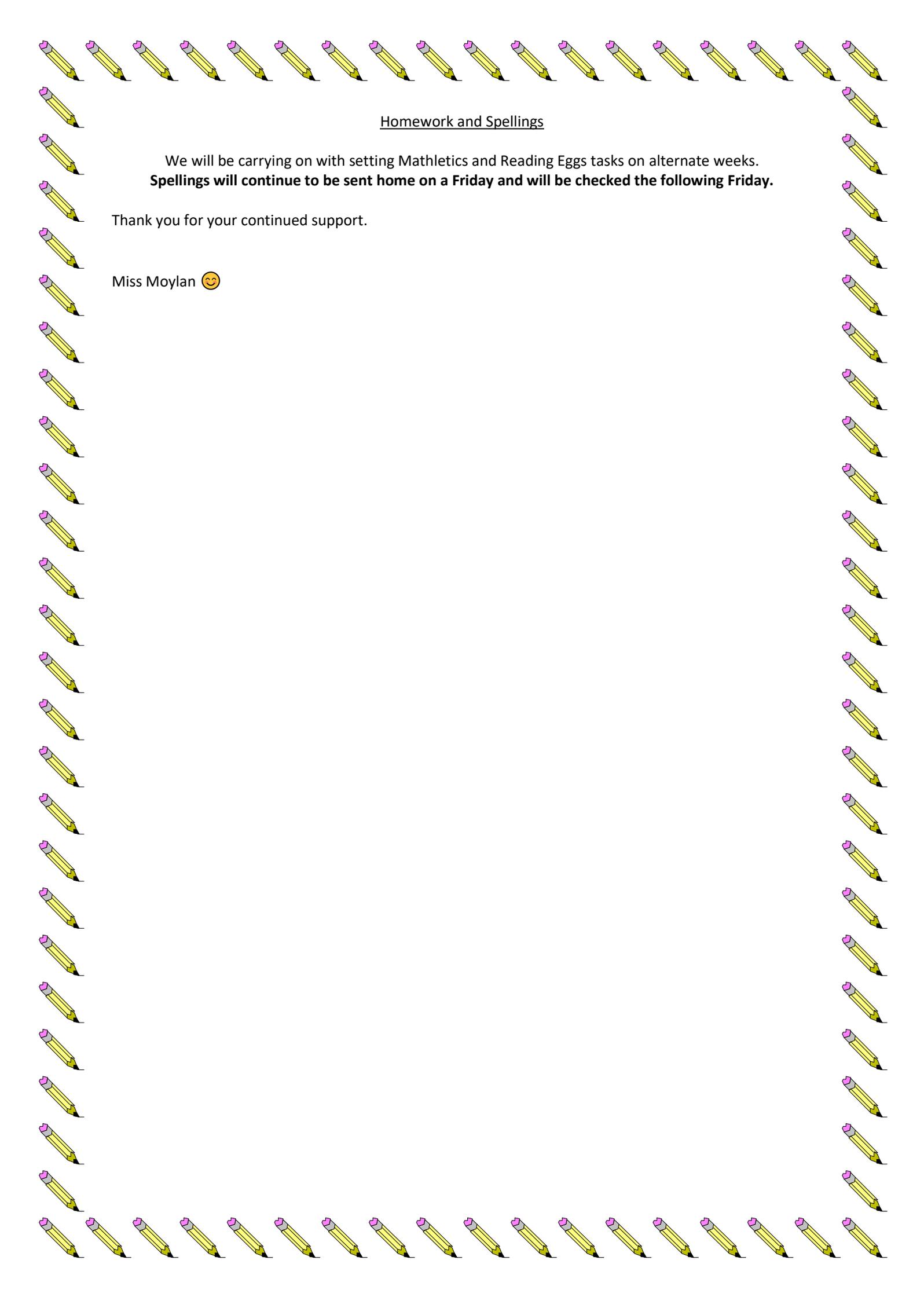
Our PE theme this term is Gymnastics. The children will be developing their flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. They will also be performing static body shapes and rhythmic gymnastic routines.

In Science we are starting our Light topic. We will be identifying that light is reflected from surfaces, recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous and that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object. The children will also be finding patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change.

In RE we will be exploring our big question: How does Muslim worship and celebration build a sense of community? We are exploring The Five Pillars and the way they relate to Muslim beliefs. Moreover, we will be learning about the festivals of Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Adha and understanding how Muslims celebrate these festivals as well as the religious stories behind them.

For Computing our topic is 'Journey inside a computer'. We will be learning about the different forms of inputs and outputs and their functions. Pupils will develop their understanding that computers follow instructions. We will also be building a paper version of a laptop, describing the purpose of various parts.

For DT this term we will be creating our own Shaduf, through wood work. A shaduf is a hand operated device used for lifting water out of a well or reservoir. It was invented by the Ancient Egyptians and is still used today, in Egypt, India and other countries. We will be designing, making, painting and evaluating our project.



Homework and Spellings

We will be carrying on with setting Mathletics and Reading Eggs tasks on alternate weeks.
Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday and will be checked the following Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Moylan 😊