



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are very excited about the learning for this term.

We will be exploring our new big question: **Do humans damage the Earth? How and Why?** We will be focusing on the Amazon rainforest and the glaciers of Alaska. We will be learning about the different tribes that have lived in the Amazon Rainforest for many years and will understand how they have lived and how the area in which tribes have lived has changed over time. We will be learning about the cause and effects of deforestation and how human-caused global warming is affecting Alaska's climate. We will then focus on how, in our everyday lives, we can live in a more sustainable way. In the final part of our unit, the children are drawing a pastel image depicting the negative effects on the Earth.

In Literacy, the children will be writing a letter, based on 'The River Whale' by Sita Brahmachari. As water-loving Immy, who is stunned to find that her nightmare has become a reality, when there's a whale trapped in the river. They will then go onto writing a non-chronological report on global earthquakes.

In Maths, we start our decimals and money unit. We will be understanding the difference between pounds and pence, converting pounds and pence and ordering money. We will then be moving onto to adding and subtracting money and giving change. Finally, we will be solving word problems using the four operations.

Reading skills will be taught four times a week. This is an opportunity for children to improve on their fluency of reading and comprehension of texts, but also to improve their use of vocabulary. 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 class book this term is The River Whale by Sita Brahmachari.

Our PE topic this term is Netball. In this unit pupils will develop passing and moving skills and play within the footwork rule. They will learn movement skills to lose a defender and overcome an opponent to try to win the ball. They will also learn how to develop the shooting action.

In RE we will be exploring our big question: What is a pilgrimage? What does a pilgrimage involve? The children will be able to define a pilgrimage as a significant journey carried out for a special reason. They will be looking at different examples of religious and non-religious pilgrimages and the impact of pilgrimage on the natural world and the ways in which this challenges the value religious believers place on the environment and their duty to protect it.

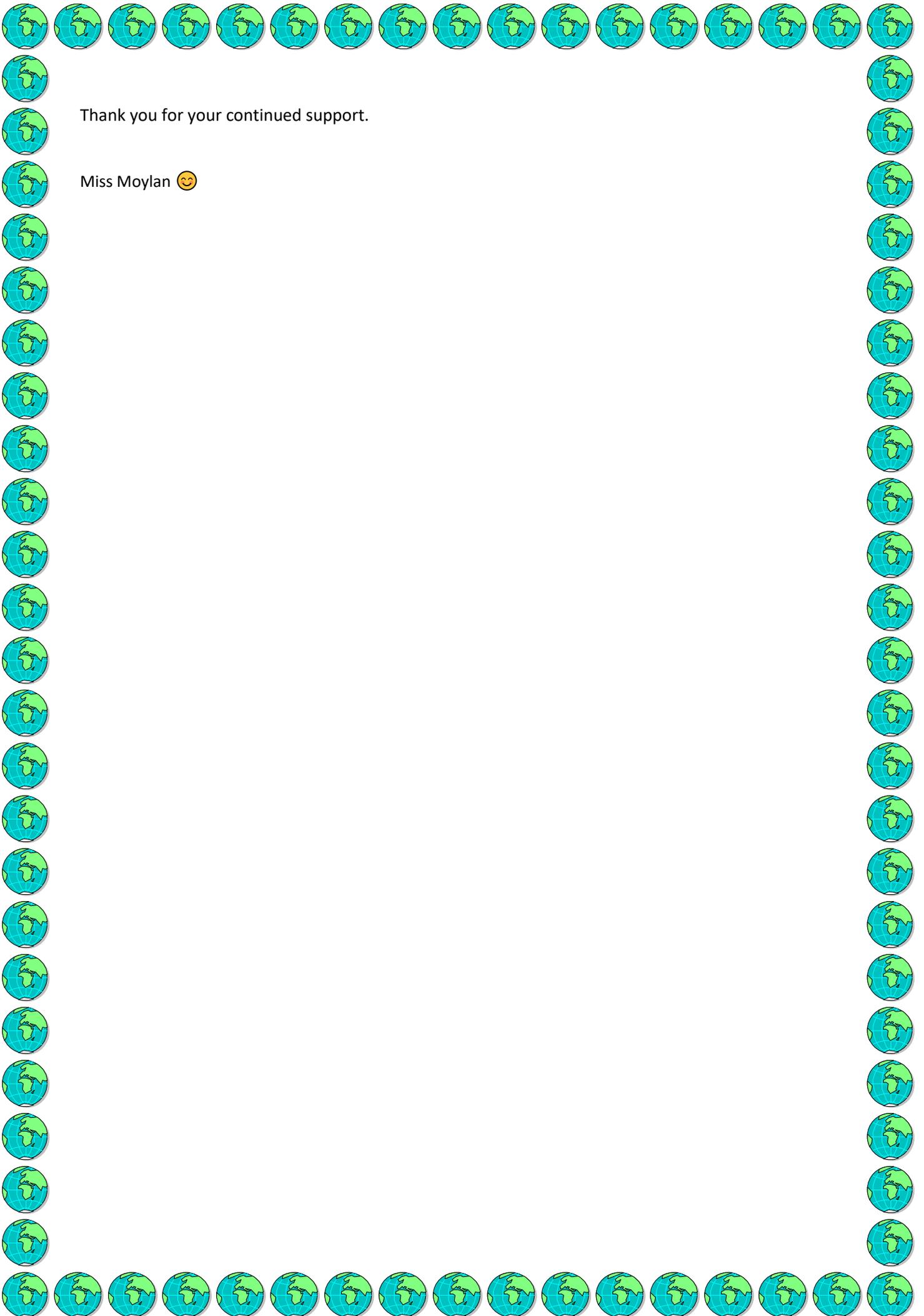
For Computing our topic is Networks and the Internet. We will be introducing the children to the concept of networks, learning how devices communicate. The children will be identifying components, learning how information is shared and exploring examples of real-world networks.

In PSHE, our next unit is Relationships. This includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills.

Homework and Spellings

We will be carrying on 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 😊