



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a great half term break. We are very excited about the learning for our final term.

We will be exploring our new big question: - **How does the Earth negatively impact on humans?** This unit will teach your class about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, children will learn about how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment. In the final part of our unit, the children will be creating their own water filtration system.

In Literacy, the children will be writing a descriptive narrative, based on 'Farther' by Grahame Baker-Smith. They will be creating settings that reflect a character's mood or circumstances, including sensory imagery, incorporating character voice and ending on a "cliff-hanger". They will then go onto writing an explanation text based on 'Gut Garden' by Katie Brosnan, where we follow the digestive process from the moment the food enters our mouths to the moment the waste leaves our bodies.

In Maths, we will be completing our time unit. The children will be consolidating their understanding of reading and writing the time on analogue and digital 24-hour clocks, as well as looking at different measures of time and the relationships between them. We will then be moving onto to statistics. The children will be interpreting and presenting discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs. They will then solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.

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 Stig of the Dump by Clive King.

Our PE topic this term is Rounders. In this unit pupils learn how to score points by striking a ball into space and running around cones or bases. When fielding, they learn how to play in different fielding roles. They focus on developing their throwing, catching and batting skills. Pupils are given opportunities to work in collaboration with others, play fairly demonstrating an understanding of the rules, as well as being respectful of the people they play with and against.

In Science, our unit will be: States of Matter. The children will be recognising that some materials change state (i.e. they go from solid to liquid or gas) when they're heated or cooled. Children should be able to determine the temperature at which this happens through scientific investigation. They will recognise and explain the significance of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and understand that a rise in temperature increases the rate of evaporation.

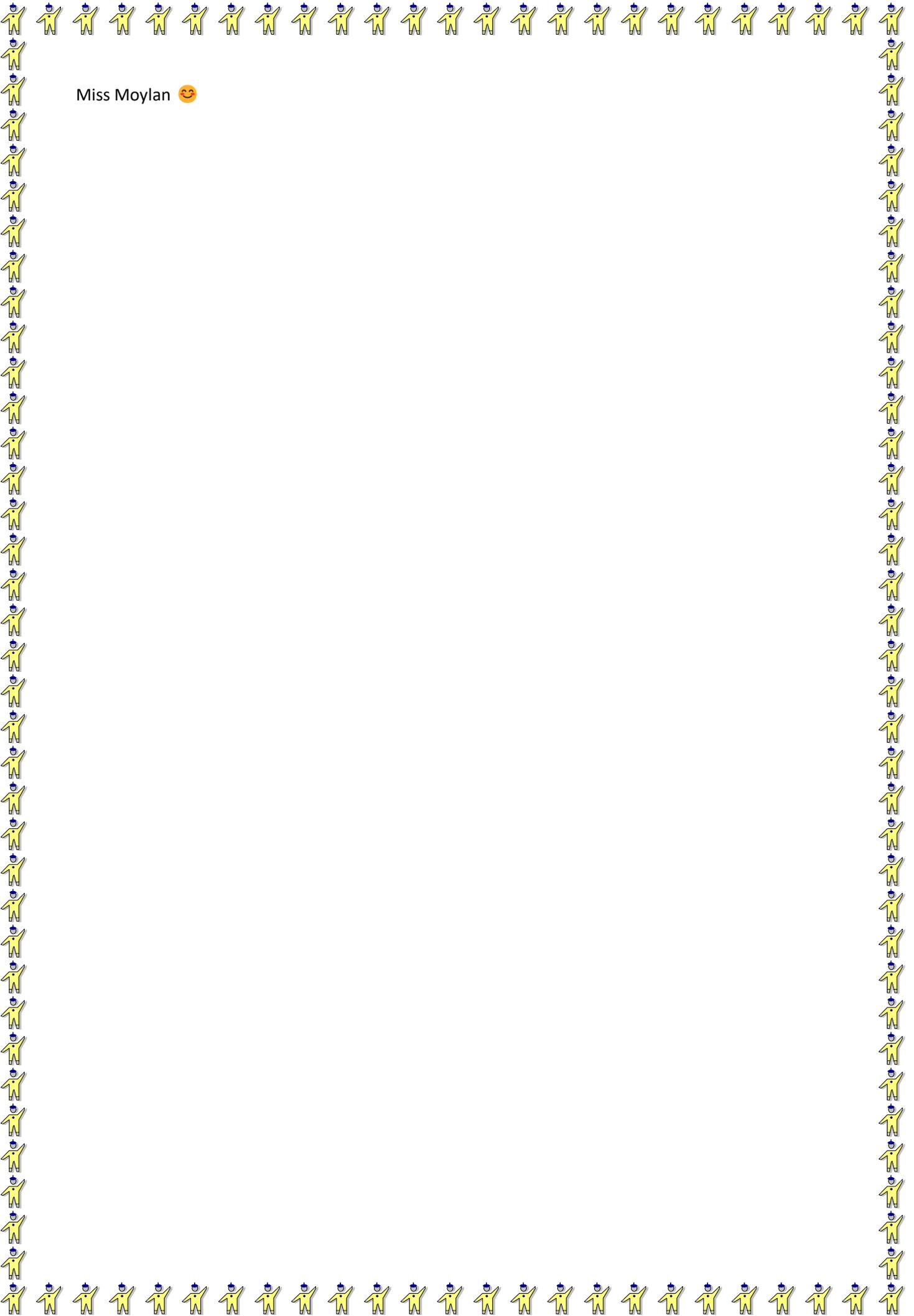
In PSHE, our next unit is Changing Me. This includes relationships education in the context of coping positively with change.

#### Homework and Spellings

We will be carrying on setting Mathematics 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 😊