



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. We are very excited about the learning for this term.

We will be exploring our new big question: What natural resources do humans use? We will be describing and understanding key aspects of human geography, involving natural resources. We will be using fieldwork to measure physical features in the local area, using sketch maps to record our findings. We will be learning about how the industry has adapted over time due to changes in technology, focusing on the history of coal mining. In the final part of our unit, the children are creating a landscape picture of our natural beauty in our local area, using acrylic paint to create texture.

In Literacy, the children will be writing a non-chronological report, based on a collection of texts around the theme of recycling. The children will be researching about what recycling is and its impacts. They will be practising using sub-headings, formal tone, present tense and technical vocabulary.

For Maths, we are learning about length, perimeter and area. We will be looking at equivalent lengths- metres, centimetres and kilometres, measuring and calculating perimeter and area of shapes. We will then move onto our next unit of fractions. The children will be learning what a fraction is, counting in fractions, equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions

Reading skills will be taught four times a week. This is an opportunity for children to not only improve on their fluency of reading and their comprehension of texts, but also 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 will be using for Guided Reading this term is Planet SOS.

Our PE topic this term is Hockey. The children will be learning how to send the ball with a push pass., developing how to receive the ball, to develop dribbling using the reverse stick and applying defending and attacking principles and skills in a hockey tournament.

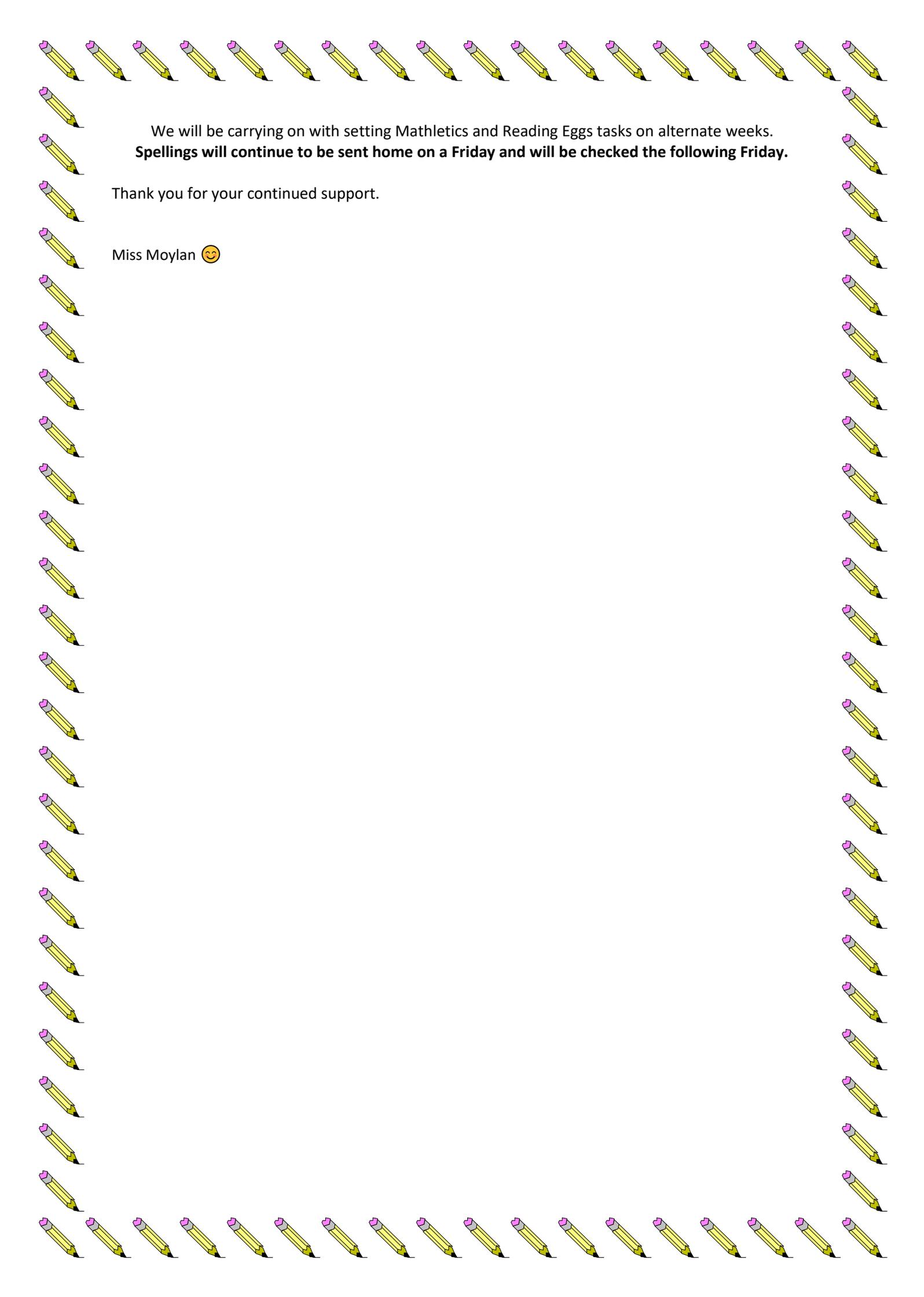
In Science we will be starting our Forces and Magnets topic. We will be observing how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some materials and not others. We will be comparing and grouping together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and identifying some magnetic materials.

In RE we will be exploring our big question: What kind of world did Jesus want? The children will be offering some ideas about the meaning of the Good Samaritan story to Christians and making simple links to the story and the importance of charity in Christian life. They will be making links between some of Jesus' teachings about how to live, and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.

For Computing our topic is emailing. We will be learning how to send emails with attachments and how to be a responsible digital citizen by thinking about the contents of what is sent.

In PSHE, our next unit is Dreams and Goals. This includes learning about goal-setting, aspirations for yourself and the world and working together.

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 😊