

Dosbarth Afal Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break. It is lovely to see all the children safe, refreshed and ready for the start of a new term.

Before Christmas our class adopted a penguin from the charity WWF UK (the World Wildlife Fund). The WWF are a conservation organisation working on 'vital conservation for a future where people and nature thrive'. Elfie gave us a pack from the WWF with information about penguins and activities as well as our own soft fluffy penguin to keep. As a class we voted to name our penguin Snowy. The children are very keen to find out a lot more about penguins and their habitats, so this half term our class topic will be 'Penguin Adventure'. The children will be developing their skills through our topic allowing opportunities to explore all areas of the curriculum.

As part of our topic, we are aiming to build an igloo out of plastic milk bottle containers, and we will need a lot! Please can you collect and send to school any washed empty containers (any size), with lids.

Homework

Reading/Phonics/Key Words: Please continue to practice daily the words/sounds sent home with your child and read daily with or to your child. Please see the 'Year 1 and 2 Reading Letter' on the Homework page on the school website for information and ideas.

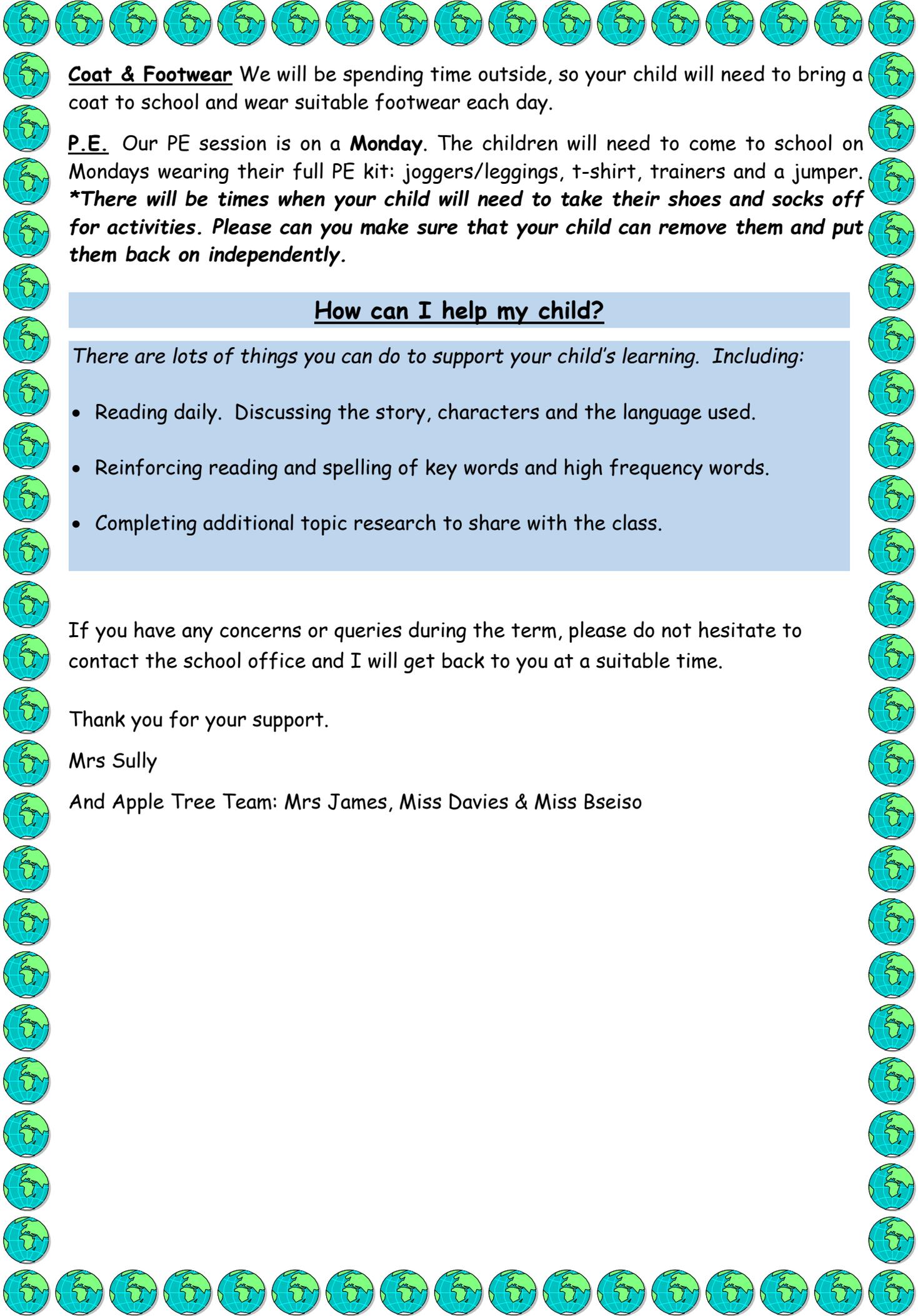
Books will continue to be sent home on Wednesday's. Please return on the following Monday.

Additional homework will continue to be posted on the 'Homework' page on our school website on the 1st Friday of each month: **3rd February and 3rd March**, as well as some **Easter holiday activities** on **30th March**. There are also links to online activities on the class page, as well as information about using Mathletics at home.

Pupils will need a **water bottle**, a **coat**, their **lunchbox** and a **sunhat/warm hat**.

Please make sure each item is clearly labelled with your child's name and they can identify their own items.

Water bottles - Children need to bring to school their own water bottle from home. Bottles must be plastic, not glass, and **named clearly** in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (**water only please**).



Coat & Footwear We will be spending time outside, so your child will need to bring a coat to school and wear suitable footwear each day.

P.E. Our PE session is on a **Monday**. The children will need to come to school on Mondays wearing their full PE kit: joggers/leggings, t-shirt, trainers and a jumper. ****There will be times when your child will need to take their shoes and socks off for activities. Please can you make sure that your child can remove them and put them back on independently.***

How can I help my child?

There are lots of things you can do to support your child's learning. Including:

- Reading daily. Discussing the story, characters and the language used.
- Reinforcing reading and spelling of key words and high frequency words.
- Completing additional topic research to share with the class.

If you have any concerns or queries during the term, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and I will get back to you at a suitable time.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Sully

And Apple Tree Team: Mrs James, Miss Davies & Miss Bseiso