

Blwyddyn Un, Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Happy new Year to you and your families.

We hope you had a lovely relaxing Christmas break. It is lovely to see the children safe, refreshed and ready for the start of a new term and to hear all their exciting Christmas holiday news.

This term our topic will be will be '**Journeys**' as part of this topic the children will be developing their skills through opportunities to explore all areas of the curriculum. As part of this broad topic heading we will be finding out about the journey of the kings when they visited Jesus (Epiphany) and Santa's journey around the world. We will also be doing some creative writing based on a book called 'The Incredible Journey'. We will be finding out about different types of transport, old, new and future; and following the journey of our food from farm to folk.

Due to the current restrictions, there should be no need for your child to bring a bag to school. Also, please make sure that your child has warm clothing in school as we will be making sure that windows and door are open to give plenty of ventilation in the classroom to allow the air to circulate.

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

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

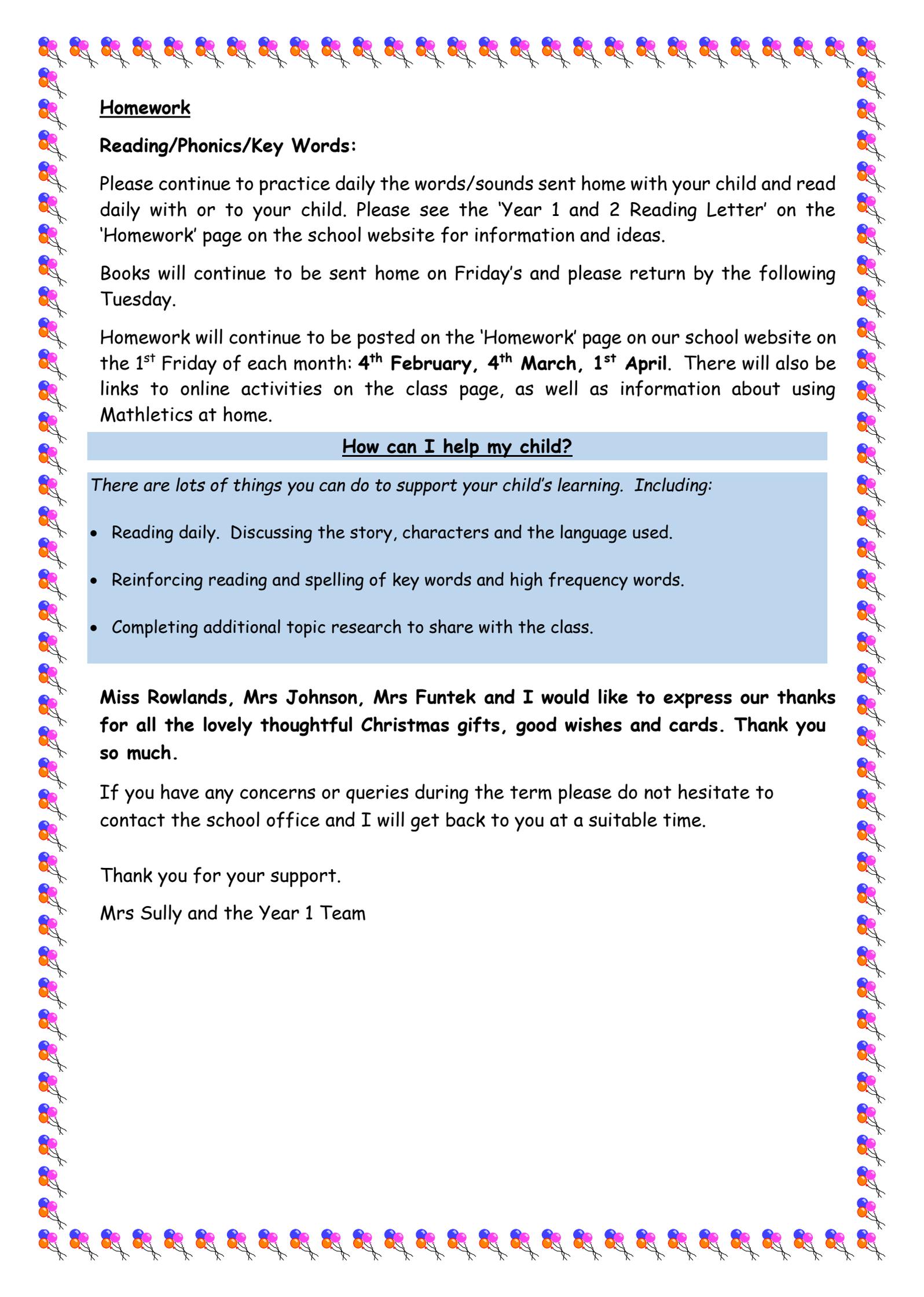
Water bottles - Children need to bring to school their own water bottle from home. Bottles must be plastic, not glass, and **named clearly** in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (**water only please**).

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

P.E. Year 1's PE session is on a **Tuesday**. The children will need to come to school on Tuesdays wearing their full PE kit: joggers/leggings, t-shirt, trainers and a jumper.

Fruit Tuck will continue to run from Monday to Thursday and the children will eat their fruit at break time. Payments can be made via 'Parentpay'.

If your child is not going to participate, please support our school healthy snack policy by providing a small piece of fruit or vegetable for your child each day, keeping cereal bars and crisps for lunchtimes and 'Free Friday'.



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 Friday's and please return by the following Tuesday.

Homework will continue to be posted on the 'Homework' page on our school website on the 1st Friday of each month: **4th February, 4th March, 1st April**. There will also be links to online activities on the class page, as well as information about using Mathletics at home.

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.

Miss Rowlands, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Funtek and I would like to express our thanks for all the lovely thoughtful Christmas gifts, good wishes and cards. Thank you so much.

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 the Year 1 Team