



Spring Term 2020

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable time over the Christmas break.

In English this term we will be exploring a number of traditional stories and nursery rhymes. We will have the opportunity to read and work with stories such as 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Ugly Duckling'. Children will be working hard to improve their letter formation, sentence skills and becoming more confident in their writing work this term. The nursery rhymes will be learnt by heart encouraging the children to continue to develop their Speaking, Listening and Attention skills.

Numeracy work will continue to develop and extend their understanding of number and shape this term. Learning to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 to 100. Using quantities and objects, adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers and counting on or back to find the answer. We will also solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing using numicon, counters and money. Other mathematical topics, such as shape and data handling will continue to be taught across the curriculum.

PE this half term will take place on Friday afternoons. Year 1 and Year 2 children will go to Leominster Swimming pool for their swimming sessions on a Tuesday morning, the children may wear joggers on this day. Please ensure that PE kit is clearly labelled. PE kit should remain in school throughout the week in case our sessions are changed.

In Science the children will use their senses and extend their understanding of the fact that the objects around us are made of different materials. They will then learn to name some of the materials they have seen. We will also link our Forest Schools sessions to materials with a focus on The Three Little Pigs.

Our Forest Schools sessions will continue on a Monday afternoon after half term, please ensure your child has warm, old clothes, a pair of wellies and waterproofs on this day. It may be easier to leave these clothes in school for the week.

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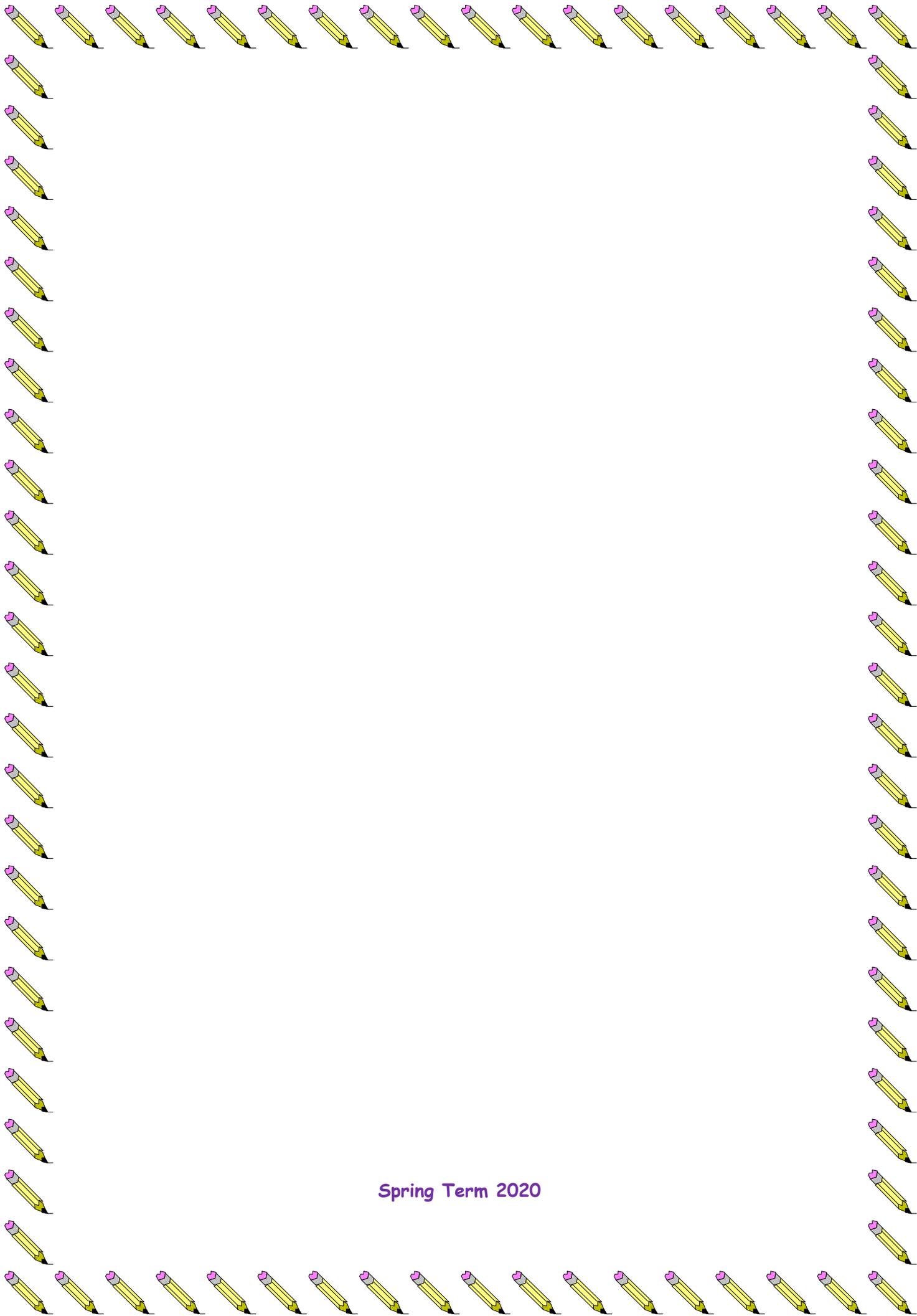
Year and have the opportunity to taste some Chinese food; if your child has any allergies please let Mrs Wright or myself know.

Please may we remind everyone that we expect children to read, and be read to, each night, for at least ten minutes. Asking your child questions about what they have read will help their progress in all areas of their learning. We cannot stress enough the importance and positive impact it will have on your child's educational developmental and progress when a child is given the opportunity to read or be read to each night. Your notes about home reading in the home reading book are most useful. Some children may wish to write in their home reading book too.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you all in this new year of 2020.

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Mathematics work will continue to develop and extend their understanding of number, measurement and shape this term; I have attached end of year one expectations for you to work on at home together.

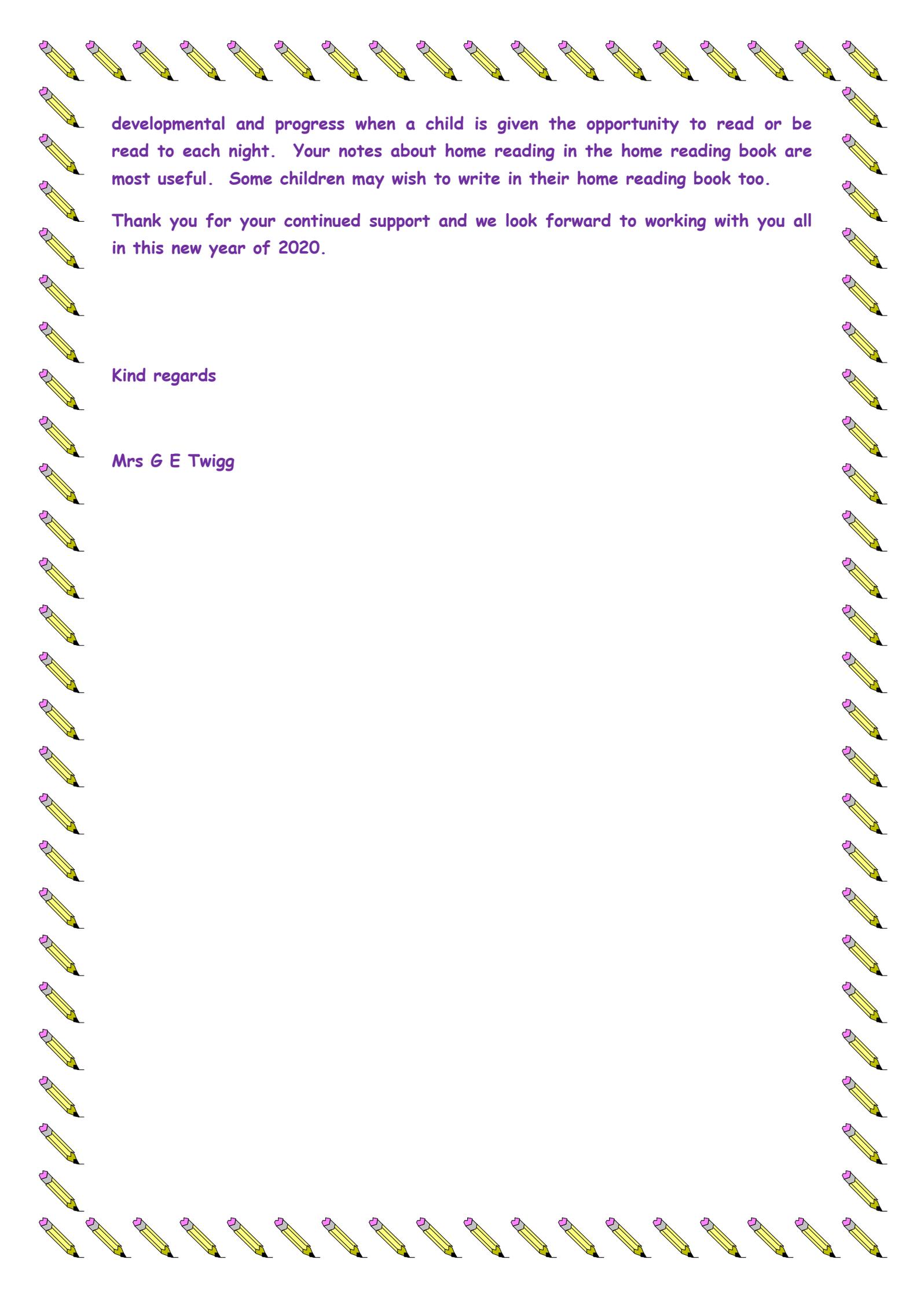
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