

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. As usual, we have lots planned in this next half-term. This letter will give you a brief overview of what we will be learning about. If you have any questions, please feel free to see us after school.

Read, Write, Inc.

The children are assessed every 6 weeks; after which, groups change to ensure that children can make the best possible progress. Children will continue to have a phonics lesson followed by reading and writing tasks where they apply their phonic knowledge.

Maths

We will begin the half-term with a focus on numbers and understanding their place value. The children will then be learning about weight, using the language of heavier and lighter. They will also begin to use scales to measure weight. 3D shape is the next focus, followed by money. We will incorporate counting in 2s, 5s and 10s whilst teaching money too. Finally, we will introduce the children to division. The starting point for this, is understanding sharing. We will then move onto practically halving a set of objects.

Topic



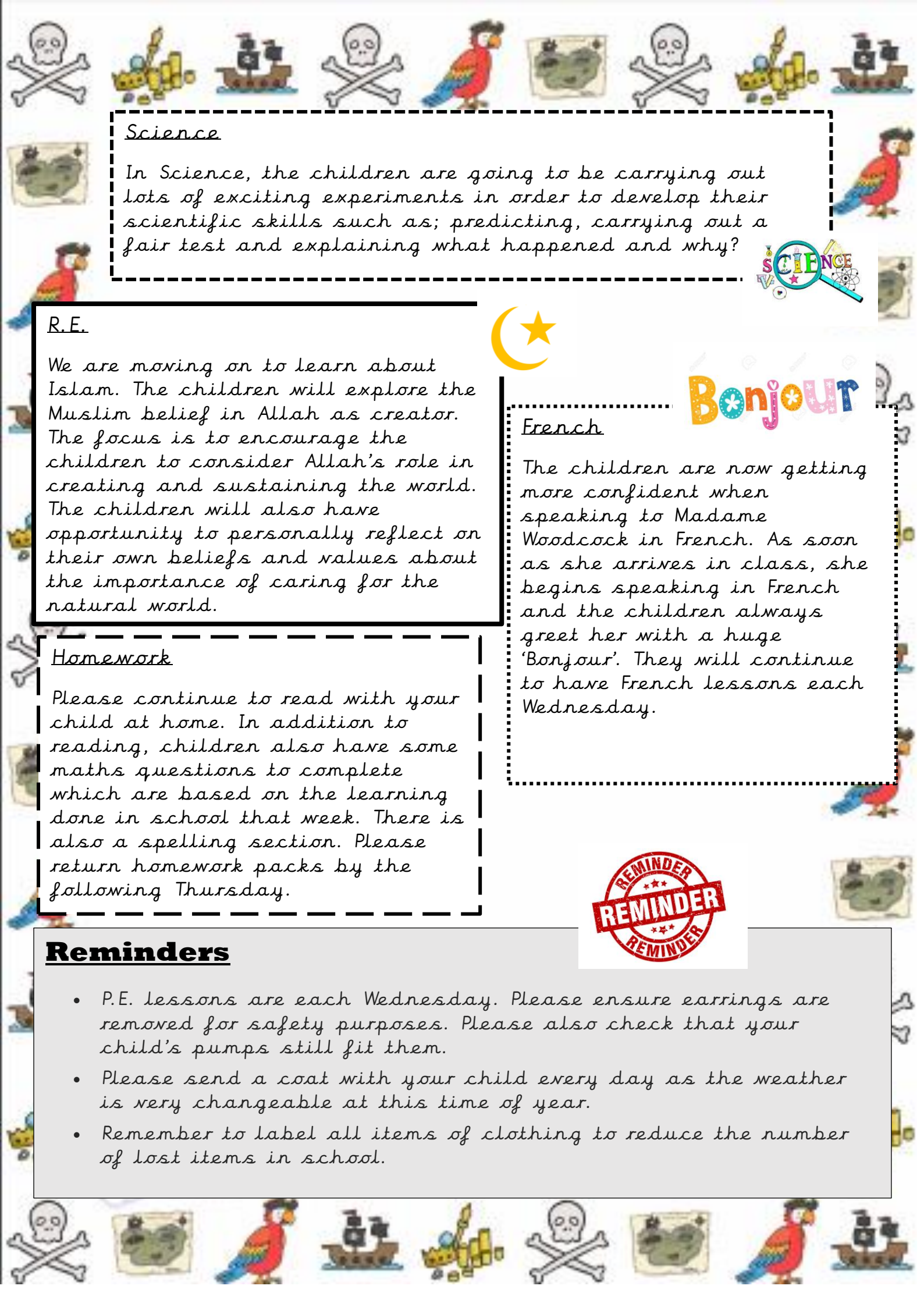
We are very excited about our next unit of work... 'What were pirates really like?'. The children will be learning about famous pirates from history and thinking about where they travelled. They will be making comparisons between Burnley and the Caribbean. We will be teaching the children the names of the four countries in the UK and then they will be using compass directions when looking at maps.

Vocabulary These are some of the words your child will be learning;

Anchor words (words the children should already know) - different, famous and map.

Goldilocks words (key cross-curricular words) - journey, instruction, true, false, transport, label, lonely, compare, escape, criminal, thief, cunning and temperature.

Step on words (harder) - country, continent and voyage.



Science

In Science, the children are going to be carrying out lots of exciting experiments in order to develop their scientific skills such as; predicting, carrying out a fair test and explaining what happened and why?



R.E.

We are moving on to learn about Islam. The children will explore the Muslim belief in Allah as creator. The focus is to encourage the children to consider Allah's role in creating and sustaining the world. The children will also have opportunity to personally reflect on their own beliefs and values about the importance of caring for the natural world.



Bonjour

French

The children are now getting more confident when speaking to Madame Woodcock in French. As soon as she arrives in class, she begins speaking in French and the children always greet her with a huge 'Bonjour'. They will continue to have French lessons each Wednesday.

Homework

Please continue to read with your child at home. In addition to reading, children also have some maths questions to complete which are based on the learning done in school that week. There is also a spelling section. Please return homework packs by the following Thursday.



Reminders

- P.E. lessons are each Wednesday. Please ensure earrings are removed for safety purposes. Please also check that your child's pumps still fit them.
- Please send a coat with your child every day as the weather is very changeable at this time of year.
- Remember to label all items of clothing to reduce the number of lost items in school.