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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe that we are already in the term leading up to Christmas? As you would expect, the children are going to be very busy this half-term with lots of exciting learning as well as getting a Christmas production ready!

Mrs Taylor and Miss Jackson



Maths

In maths, the children will be sequencing numbers and identifying odd and even numbers. They will then be learning about fractions where they will practically halve and quarter shapes and numbers. The children will then apply this knowledge to investigate capacity to identify when a container is full, half-full or empty. Next, the children will look at the value of money and solve money based problems. The final focus is time, this involves talking about the days of the week and months of the year. The children will be sequencing familiar routines and will begin to measure periods of time.

Read, Write, Inc.

Your child will continue to develop their reading and writing skills during Read Write Inc. The children are assessed each half-term and are taught in groups of children working at the same level. This allows children to progress at a greater pace. In their groups, they will read a different book each week and complete written tasks in relation to the book. Additionally, your child will have daily phonics sessions to help with their reading and writing.



Topic

Our study unit will focus on the 4 R's, reduce, reuse, recycle and repair. We will explore the importance of the 4 R's and why we need to look after the Earth.

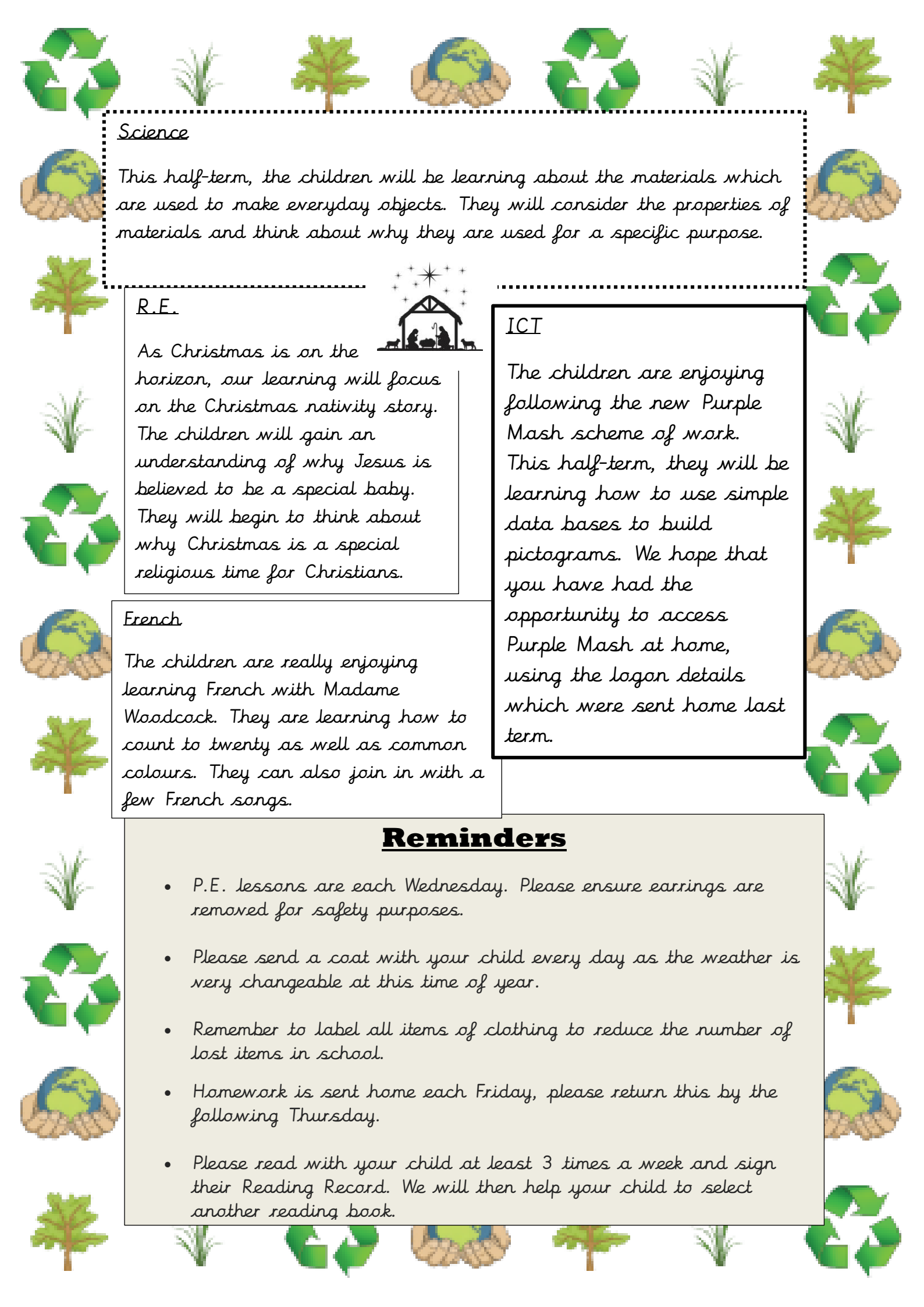
We would appreciate any plastic bags you can supply us with for this topic.

Vocabulary

Anchor words (words the children should already know) - rubbish, dirty, hurt, broken, save and clean.

Goldilocks words (key cross-curricular words) - collect, materials, reuse, recycle, repair, reduce, charity, waste, harm and local.

Step on words (harder) -second-hand and rotting.



Science

This half-term, the children will be learning about the materials which are used to make everyday objects. They will consider the properties of materials and think about why they are used for a specific purpose.

R.E.



As Christmas is on the horizon, our learning will focus on the Christmas nativity story. The children will gain an understanding of why Jesus is believed to be a special baby. They will begin to think about why Christmas is a special religious time for Christians.

French

The children are really enjoying learning French with Madame Woodcock. They are learning how to count to twenty as well as common colours. They can also join in with a few French songs.

ICT

The children are enjoying following the new Purple Mash scheme of work. This half-term, they will be learning how to use simple data bases to build pictograms. We hope that you have had the opportunity to access Purple Mash at home, using the login details which were sent home last term.

Reminders

- P.E. lessons are each Wednesday. Please ensure earrings are removed for safety purposes.
- 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.
- Homework is sent home each Friday, please return this by the following Thursday.
- Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and sign their Reading Record. We will then help your child to select another reading book.