



# P1/2 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

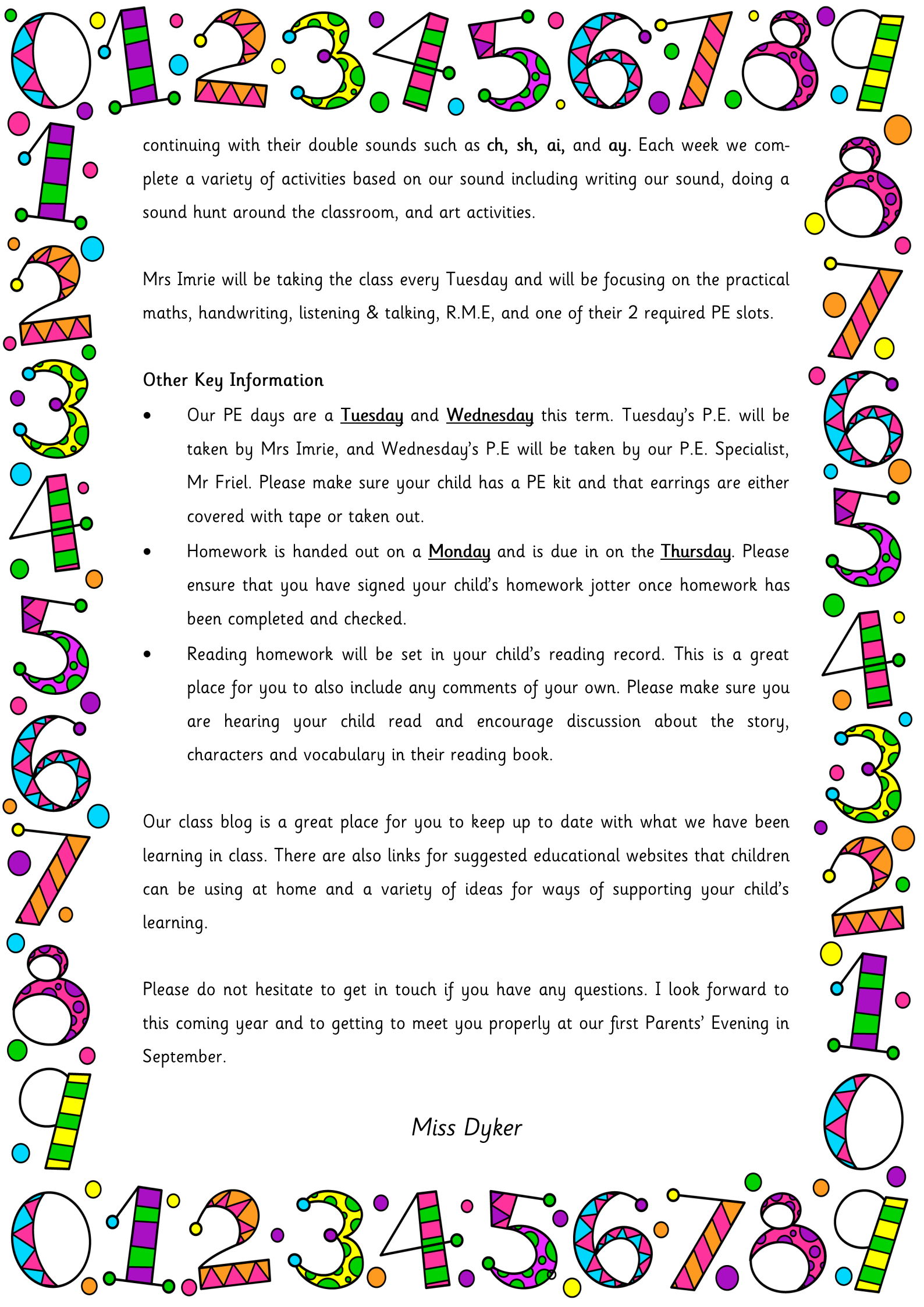
Welcome to Primary 1/2! I hope you have all had a lovely summer.

We have a very exciting and busy term ahead of us in P1/2.

Our topic this term is a book study, and we will be looking at a variety of Julia Donaldson stories including *Room on the Broom*, *A Squash and a Squeeze*, and *One Mole Digging a Hole*. These stories are all great for developing our phonological awareness and our understanding of rhyme. There are also lots of fun activities we can do that link to our stories. In addition to focusing on developing our understanding of rhyme, we will also be focusing on the different animals we come across in the stories and their habitats. This will link in to our learning in social studies.

In Maths, the P1s have already started looking at the numbers 1—5, using *Animal Zoo* to support them in their number formation. We will continue to look at developing our awareness of numbers and different ways of representing them, ordering them, and finding one more. The P2s have just started looking at their numbers to 20. We will be continuing to look at our numbers to 20, while also focusing on developing our addition and subtraction strategies. In practical Maths, the P1/2s will be developing their knowledge of 2D shapes.

In Literacy, P1/2 will be developing their knowledge of different sounds. P1s have already started looking at their initial sounds including **s**, **a**, **t**, **i**, **p**, and **n**. Each week they will cover 2 new sounds and these will be added to their yellow sound books that go home in their book bags. Please make sure you are going over their sounds at home, practicing their new sound and revising previous sounds. P2s are



continuing with their double sounds such as **ch**, **sh**, **ai**, and **ay**. Each week we complete a variety of activities based on our sound including writing our sound, doing a sound hunt around the classroom, and art activities.

Mrs Imrie will be taking the class every Tuesday and will be focusing on the practical maths, handwriting, listening & talking, R.M.E, and one of their 2 required PE slots.

### Other Key Information

- Our PE days are a Tuesday and Wednesday this term. Tuesday's P.E. will be taken by Mrs Imrie, and Wednesday's P.E will be taken by our P.E. Specialist, Mr Friel. Please make sure your child has a PE kit and that earrings are either covered with tape or taken out.
- Homework is handed out on a Monday and is due in on the Thursday. Please ensure that you have signed your child's homework jotter once homework has been completed and checked.
- Reading homework will be set in your child's reading record. This is a great place for you to also include any comments of your own. Please make sure you are hearing your child read and encourage discussion about the story, characters and vocabulary in their reading book.

Our class blog is a great place for you to keep up to date with what we have been learning in class. There are also links for suggested educational websites that children can be using at home and a variety of ideas for ways of supporting your child's learning.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. I look forward to this coming year and to getting to meet you properly at our first Parents' Evening in September.

*Miss Dyker*