

Butterfly Class Newsletter

Welcome to Butterfly Class. I hope you have had a lovely holiday. I look forward to working with you and your child this academic year. If you need to speak to me at any point please arrange an appointment via the school office.

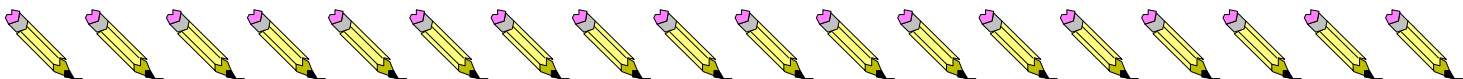
English and Maths

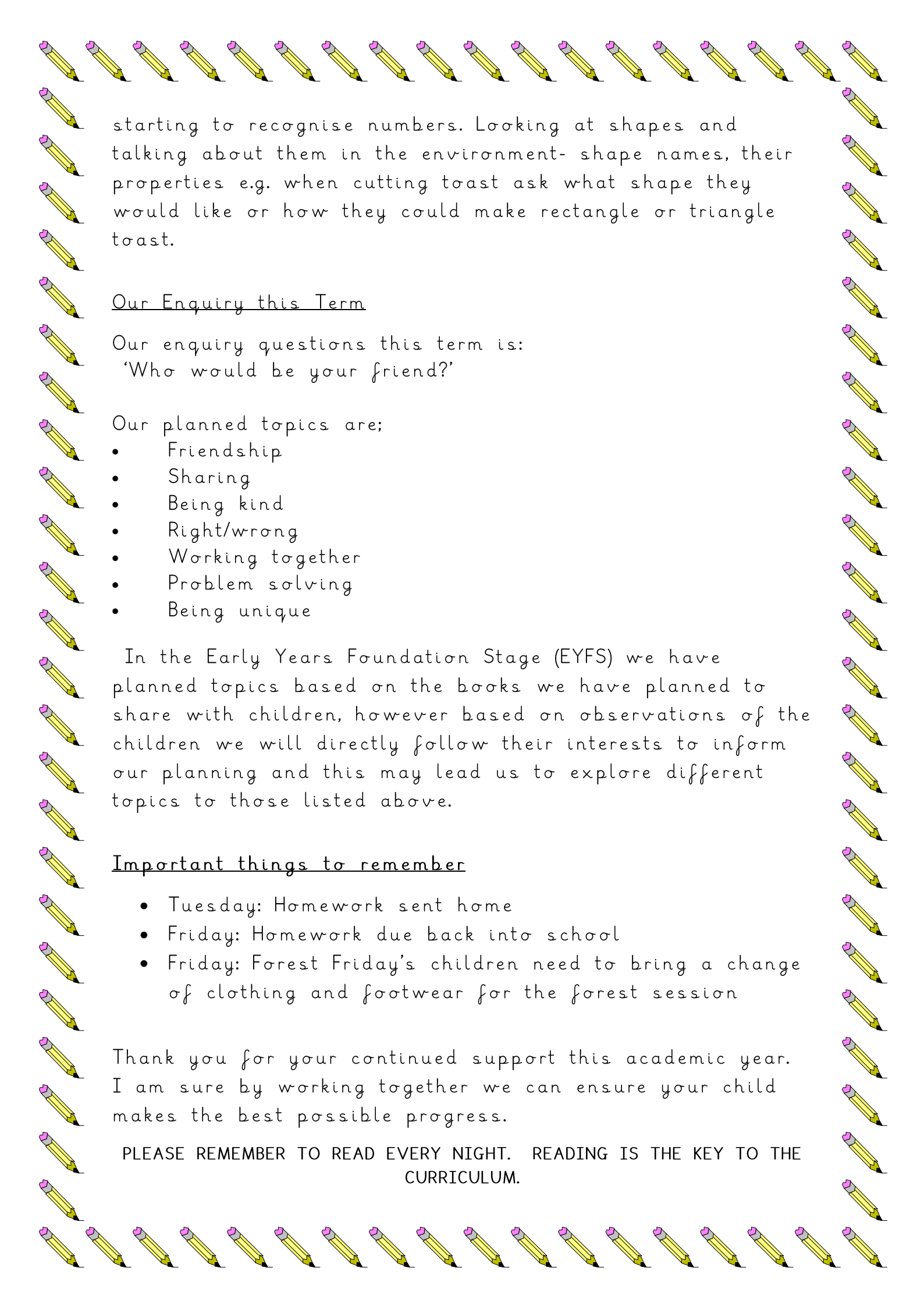
Will be teaching 'phonics' which is how your child will learn to read and write. We will start with 'pre-phonics' teaching which is lots of auditory (listening) and visual work. We will also be practicing rhyming, listening for beginning, middle and end sounds in words and then sounding words out like 'cat' c-a-t. We will then begin to teach sounds linked to letters and how to form these letters large-scale in multi-sensory ways e.g. in shaving foam/paint/ sand etc. before using pencils on paper

You can help at home by singing nursery rhymes, reading stories together, practicing writing names in multi-sensory ways, playing I spy... you can also help early reading and writing skills by doing dot to dots, sorting objects into categories (socks, pens, toys), jigsaw puzzles, 'Where's Wally' games and spot the difference activities.

In Maths, we will be working on visual skills to recognize spots on a dice, to count objects accurately and compare quantities. We will focus on using lots of maths language such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'the same'. We will also be looking at language to describe 2D shapes and look at different orientations of shapes to recognise them based on their properties.

You can help by playing board games such as Snakes & Ladders, any games with dice, counting out everyday objects (orange segments, cushions, toys, socks) and





starting to recognise numbers. Looking at shapes and talking about them in the environment- shape names, their properties e.g. when cutting toast ask what shape they would like or how they could make rectangle or triangle toast.

Our Enquiry this Term

Our enquiry questions this term is:
'Who would be your friend?'

Our planned topics are;

- Friendship
- Sharing
- Being kind
- Right/wrong
- Working together
- Problem solving
- Being unique

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we have planned topics based on the books we have planned to share with children, however based on observations of the children we will directly follow their interests to inform our planning and this may lead us to explore different topics to those listed above.

Important things to remember

- Tuesday: Homework sent home
- Friday: Homework due back into school
- Friday: Forest Friday's children need to bring a change of clothing and footwear for the forest session

Thank you for your continued support this academic year. I am sure by working together we can ensure your child makes the best possible progress.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ EVERY NIGHT. READING IS THE KEY TO THE CURRICULUM.