



Hedgehogs Class Newsletter Term 3

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you have been able to enjoy a rest and some time with family and friends.

Below I have outlined the key areas we will be covering in each of the curriculum subjects, as well as diary dates and a reminder on home learning.

If you have any queries or questions about any of the below, please feel free to find me before or after school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wells and Miss Jarman

Diary Dates

Friday 10th January - China themed day for Multi-cultural week

Friday 17th and 24th January - Family trust money workshop

Tuesday 28th January - NSPCC workshop

Monday 3rd February - Start of Children's mental health week

Monday 3rd February - QE Formula 1 STEM day at QE school

Tuesday 4th February - Young voices at the O2

Monday 10th February - Kent police workshop

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February - End of term 3

Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for other key dates.



Topics Overview

English - This term we will be starting to read a new book called, 'Orphans of the Tide'. This adventure story uses lots of flashbacks and diary entries that the children will learn from and imitate Struan Murray's style of writing. We will then have fun creating our own inventions and using them in our own adventure stories. If any of your children have copies of this book, please encourage them to bring them into class.

Maths - For the first few days of the new term, we will be continuing our work on statistics- interpreting tables and line graphs. Then our focus will be the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will start looking at equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. This will lead them to begin adding and subtracting fractions before they delve further into decimals and percentages. Many opportunities for problem solving and reasoning will be given, as usual, throughout the term.

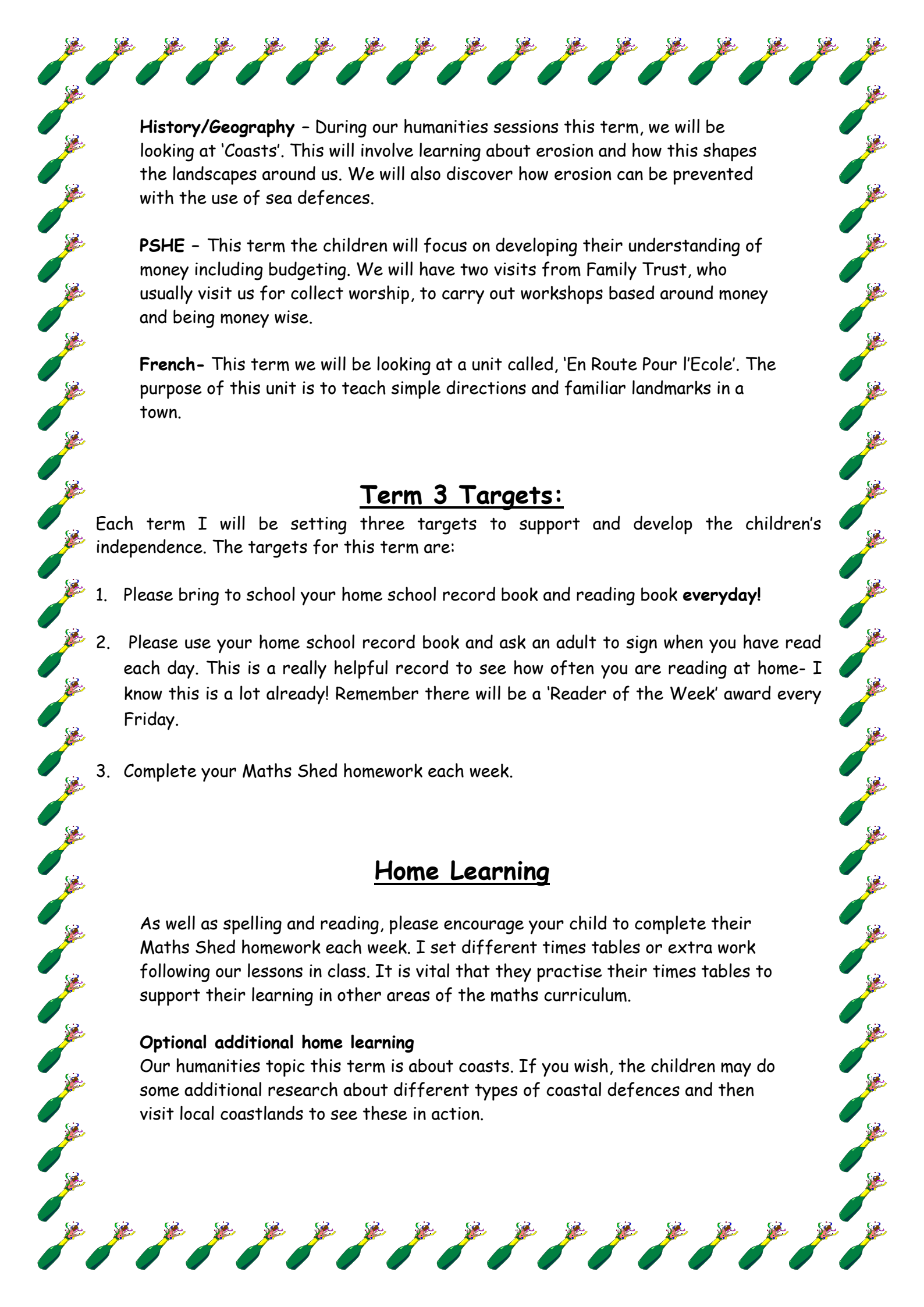
Science - Our first session discusses the changes in the human body from childhood to adulthood to old age. We will also discuss the physical signs of ageing. We will then remind ourselves about healthy eating and complete experiments about the effect of exercise on the heartbeat. For the remainder of the term, we will be learning about light, the moon and the Earth and electricity.

R.E - Our topic for this term is 'What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century?' We will consider examples of what Jesus said, and how Christians today respond to the challenges of his teachings.

P.E - PE days will remain the same this term on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. This will be handball and key steps gym. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on these days and that long hair is tied back.

Computing - This term the children will plan and create their own mini-game. They will look at different software (in particular 'Scratch'), and will have to consider how to use the features effectively.

Art - This term the children will be learning about 'Seascapes'. They will consider how to sketch effectively and how to use colour and tone to have greater impact. We will start by looking at Hokusai's *Great Wave* artwork and try to create our own versions.



History/Geography - During our humanities sessions this term, we will be looking at 'Coasts'. This will involve learning about erosion and how this shapes the landscapes around us. We will also discover how erosion can be prevented with the use of sea defences.

PSHE - This term the children will focus on developing their understanding of money including budgeting. We will have two visits from Family Trust, who usually visit us for collect worship, to carry out workshops based around money and being money wise.

French- This term we will be looking at a unit called, 'En Route Pour l'Ecole'. The purpose of this unit is to teach simple directions and familiar landmarks in a town.

Term 3 Targets:

Each term I will be setting three targets to support and develop the children's independence. The targets for this term are:

1. Please bring to school your home school record book and reading book **everyday!**
2. Please use your home school record book and ask an adult to sign when you have read each day. This is a really helpful record to see how often you are reading at home- I know this is a lot already! Remember there will be a 'Reader of the Week' award every Friday.
3. Complete your Maths Shed homework each week.

Home Learning

As well as spelling and reading, please encourage your child to complete their Maths Shed homework each week. I set different times tables or extra work following our lessons in class. It is vital that they practise their times tables to support their learning in other areas of the maths curriculum.

Optional additional home learning

Our humanities topic this term is about coasts. If you wish, the children may do some additional research about different types of coastal defences and then visit local coastlands to see these in action.