

Y5 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Spring Term brings us World Book Day and Science Week.

Please find below bullet points for a number of key subjects outlining how you can help your child at home this term.

Key information: PE is on Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (indoor or outdoor – weather depending). On Thursdays, Hazel class is taught by Mrs H Mitchell.

Reading

- Discuss themes, characters and events in their reading comprehension homework and ask them to justify their opinions.
- Help your child to expand their range of vocabulary by learning the meaning of unfamiliar words and using them in a sentence. Please encourage your child to use dictionaries – both books and online – to find meanings of words.

Writing

- Encourage your child to take time and care with the presentation of all their writing.
- Help them to use a dictionary to check rather than guess spellings.
- **Encourage them to proof read all their homework to check that it makes sense and is punctuated appropriately.**

Maths

- Use times tables rockstars as an online tool to encourage frequent practising of times tables and division facts – your child has been issued with a log in and password.
- Practise using the formal written methods for calculating.
- Practise being able to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks to the nearest minute, moving onto 24 hour clocks.

Science

Help your child to find out about Earth and Space focussing on the planets, our moon and why we get night and day.

Topic

- Enjoy looking at maps at home and talking about distances, symbols, keys and places that they have visited.

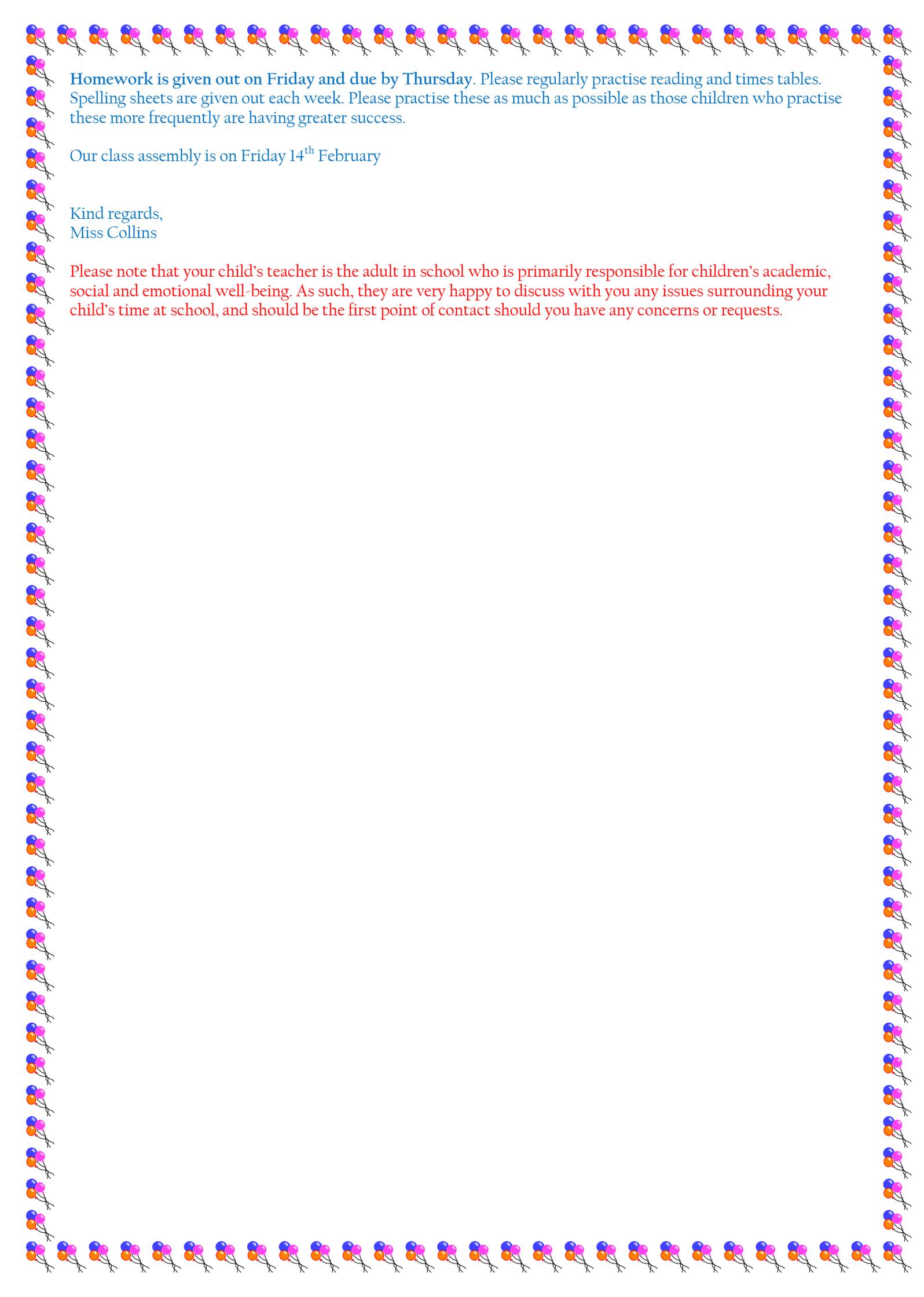
Computing

- Discuss with your child the importance of keeping safe when using the computer at home. Help them to understand the importance of passwords and think about how to create a strong but memorable password. **Thinkuknow** and **CEOP** have advice on using the internet responsibly for parents and children.
- Revisit the internet agreement for safe use at school and home and talk with your child about why the agreement is important.

Personal

Encourage your child to be as independent, as possible, organised and take a pride in their presentation.

- Remember to complete their homework and hand it in by Thursday morning.
- Remember to practice their spellings several times each week, know what the words mean and be able to use them in a sentence.
- Organise their own things and resources at the beginning and end of the day including pack up box/ dinner choice, book bag, coat and tasks set out on the whiteboard.
- Regularly practise times tables.



Homework is given out on Friday and due by Thursday. Please regularly practise reading and times tables. Spelling sheets are given out each week. Please practise these as much as possible as those children who practise these more frequently are having greater success.

Our class assembly is on Friday 14th February

Kind regards,
Miss Collins

Please note that your child's teacher is the adult in school who is primarily responsible for children's academic, social and emotional well-being. As such, they are very happy to discuss with you any issues surrounding your child's time at school, and should be the first point of contact should you have any concerns or requests.