

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception Class at Annie Lennard. The children have come to school wonderfully and are quickly settling into full time school life.

The children will be taught by Mrs Brookes and Miss Tibbetts in Reception. In the afternoons Mrs Wildman will join us too.

Most mornings we will also spend some time working and playing with Mrs Bavin, Mrs Wildman and the Nursery children during our 'Pick and Mix' time.

The topic this half term is 'Super you, Super me'.

We will be doing lots of fun (and sometimes messy!) activities relating to this topic.

As part of this topic we will look at real life superheroes as we explore 'People who help us' in our communities and begin to recognise uniforms.

As a part of this topic we would like to ask the children to **bring in a photograph of their family**. These will be displayed in our classroom and used during circle times to encourage communication and language development.

At the start of a topic we do a 'mind map' to find out what the children already know about and also what they would like to find out. This means we can plan activities linked to the children's interests as well as skills and objectives we would like them to focus on. Please find attached a copy of the planning for this half term. This shows you the skills and objectives we will be covering in all the areas of learning.

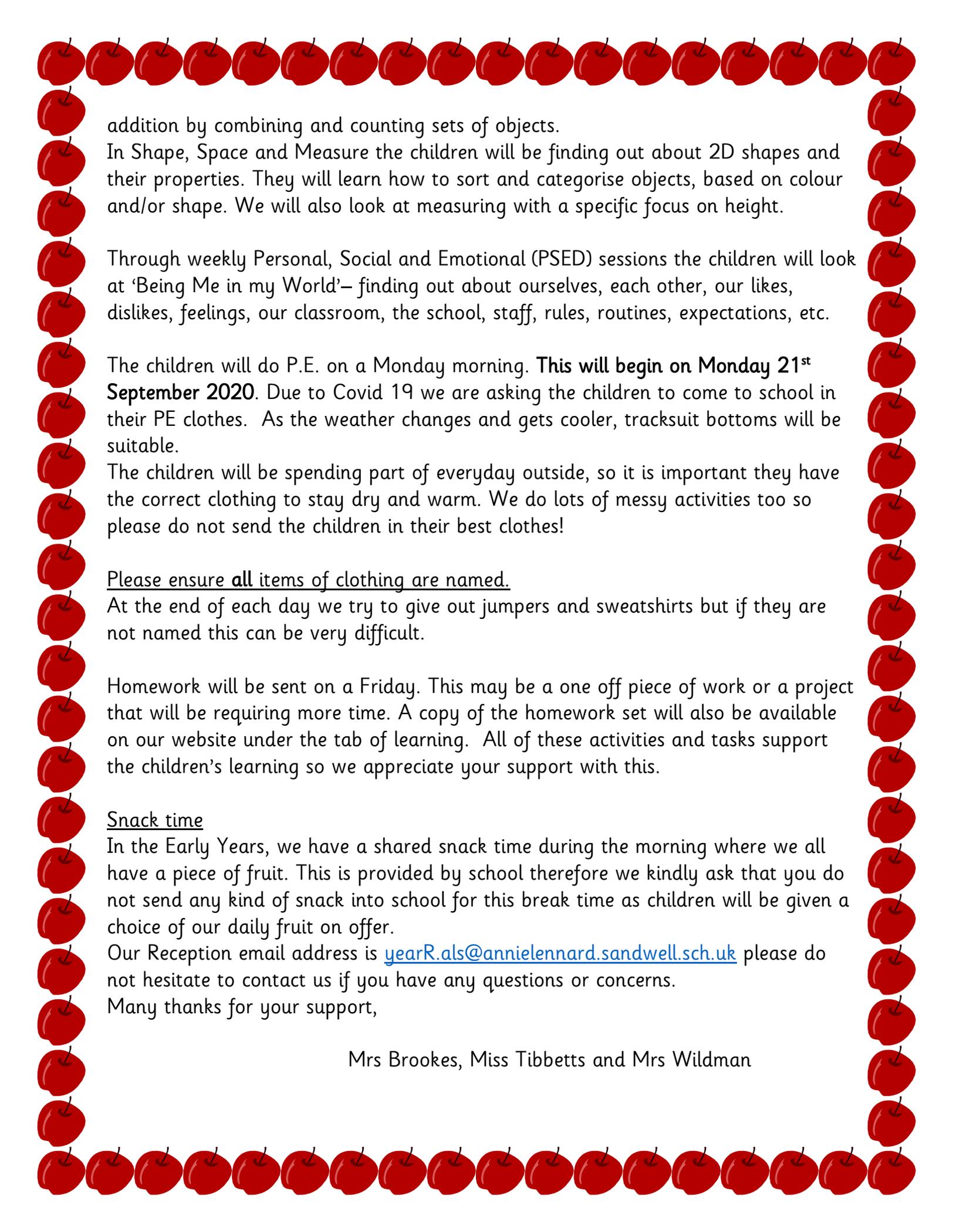
In Communication, Language and Literacy we are going to be learning about storytelling and enjoy finding out about new characters.

The children will bring a book home to share with you and they will read to us once a week. The day will often vary so it is very important their book bag is in school every day.

The children will have a daily phonics session where we learn letter sounds, how to write them correctly and simple word building, e.g. c-a-t, etc.

We will also be focusing on recognising and writing our own name in handwriting.

In Mathematics the topics are split between 'Number' and 'Shape, Space and Measure'. In Number sessions the children will be counting, recognising and ordering numbers and practise writing these numbers correctly. We will also begin early



addition by combining and counting sets of objects.

In Shape, Space and Measure the children will be finding out about 2D shapes and their properties. They will learn how to sort and categorise objects, based on colour and/or shape. We will also look at measuring with a specific focus on height.

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'Being Me in my World'– finding out about ourselves, each other, our likes, dislikes, feelings, our classroom, the school, staff, rules, routines, expectations, etc.

The children will do P.E. on a Monday morning. **This will begin on Monday 21st September 2020.** Due to Covid 19 we are asking the children to come to school in their PE clothes. As the weather changes and gets cooler, tracksuit bottoms will be suitable.

The children will be spending part of everyday outside, so it is important they have the correct clothing to stay dry and warm. We do lots of messy activities too so please do not send the children in their best clothes!

Please ensure **all** items of clothing are named.

At the end of each day we try to give out jumpers and sweatshirts but if they are not named this can be very difficult.

Homework will be sent on a Friday. This may be a one off piece of work or a project that will be requiring more time. A copy of the homework set will also be available on our website under the tab of learning. All of these activities and tasks support the children's learning so we appreciate your support with this.

Snack time

In the Early Years, we have a shared snack time during the morning where we all have a piece of fruit. This is provided by school therefore we kindly ask that you do not send any kind of snack into school for this break time as children will be given a choice of our daily fruit on offer.

Our Reception email address is yearR.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Brookes, Miss Tibbetts and Mrs Wildman