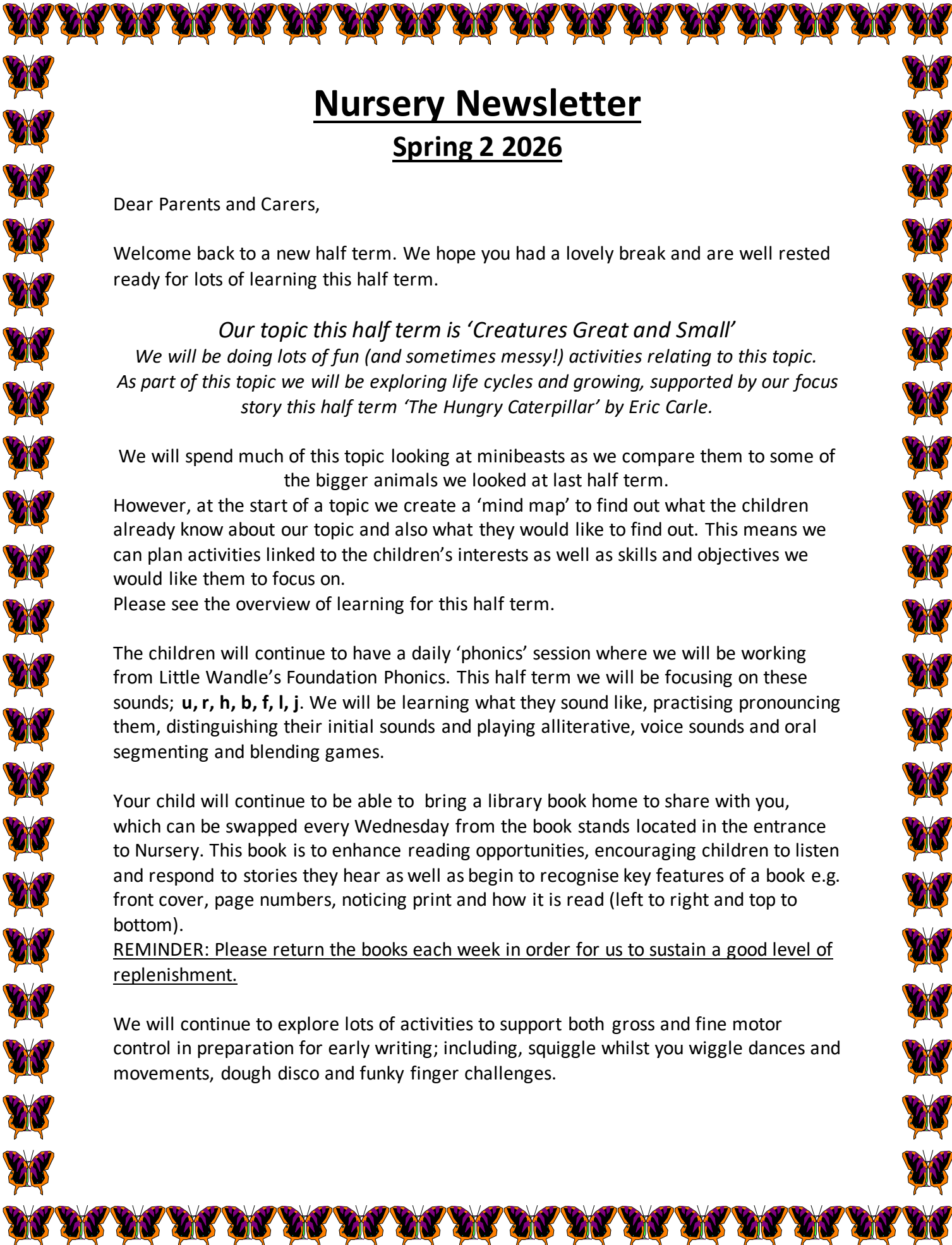




Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope you had a lovely break and are well rested ready for lots of learning this half term.

Our topic this half term is 'Creatures Great and Small'

We will be doing lots of fun (and sometimes messy!) activities relating to this topic. As part of this topic we will be exploring life cycles and growing, supported by our focus story this half term 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

We will spend much of this topic looking at minibeasts as we compare them to some of the bigger animals we looked at last half term.

However, at the start of a topic we create a 'mind map' to find out what the children already know about our topic 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.

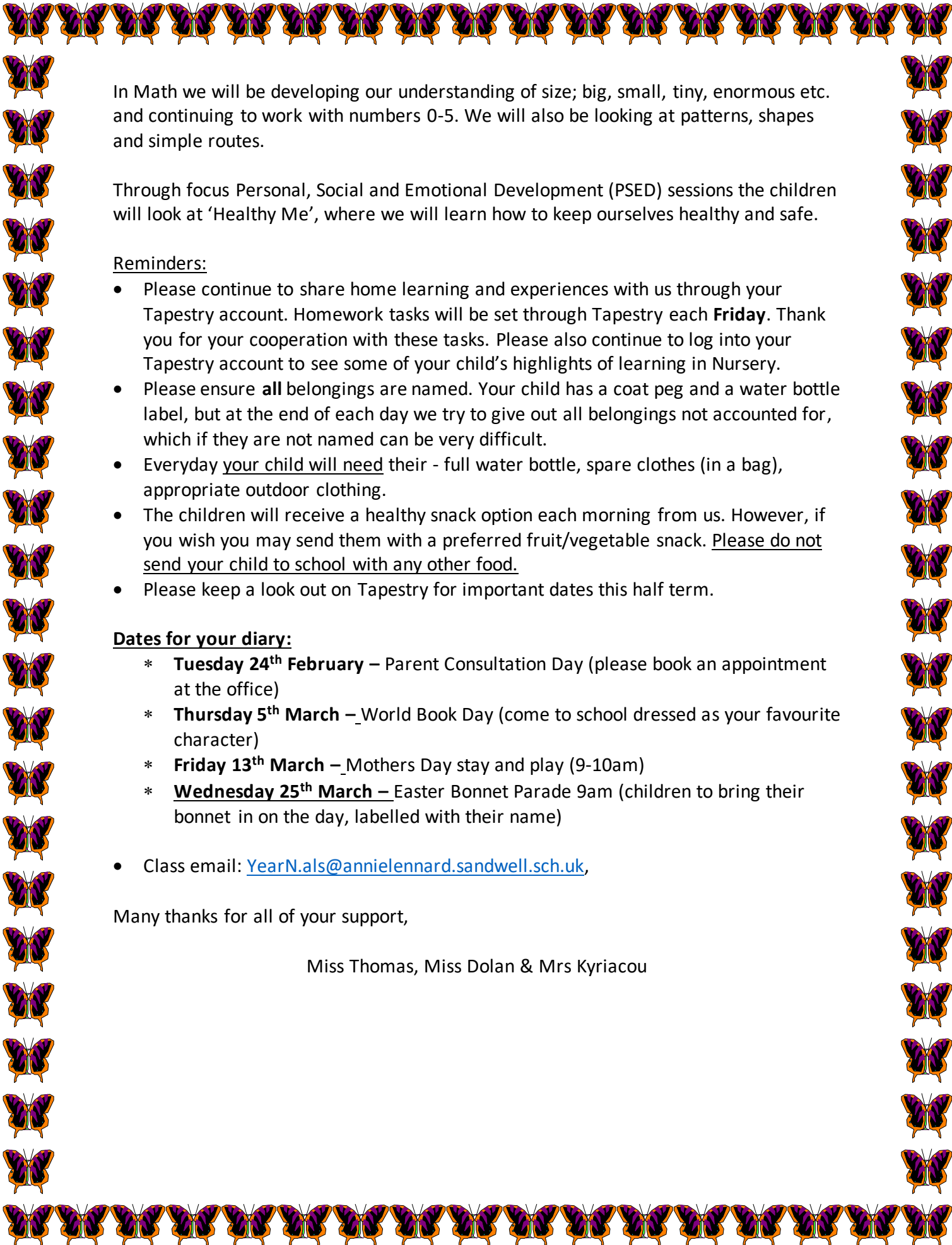
Please see the overview of learning for this half term.

The children will continue to have a daily 'phonics' session where we will be working from Little Wandle's Foundation Phonics. This half term we will be focusing on these sounds; **u, r, h, b, f, l, j**. We will be learning what they sound like, practising pronouncing them, distinguishing their initial sounds and playing alliterative, voice sounds and oral segmenting and blending games.

Your child will continue to be able to bring a library book home to share with you, which can be swapped every Wednesday from the book stands located in the entrance to Nursery. This book is to enhance reading opportunities, encouraging children to listen and respond to stories they hear as well as begin to recognise key features of a book e.g. front cover, page numbers, noticing print and how it is read (left to right and top to bottom).

REMINDER: Please return the books each week in order for us to sustain a good level of replenishment.

We will continue to explore lots of activities to support both gross and fine motor control in preparation for early writing; including, squiggle whilst you wiggle dances and movements, dough disco and funky finger challenges.



In Math we will be developing our understanding of size; big, small, tiny, enormous etc. and continuing to work with numbers 0-5. We will also be looking at patterns, shapes and simple routes.

Through focus Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'Healthy Me', where we will learn how to keep ourselves healthy and safe.

Reminders:

- Please continue to share home learning and experiences with us through your Tapestry account. Homework tasks will be set through Tapestry each **Friday**. Thank you for your cooperation with these tasks. Please also continue to log into your Tapestry account to see some of your child's highlights of learning in Nursery.
- Please ensure **all** belongings are named. Your child has a coat peg and a water bottle label, but at the end of each day we try to give out all belongings not accounted for, which if they are not named can be very difficult.
- Everyday your child will need their - full water bottle, spare clothes (in a bag), appropriate outdoor clothing.
- The children will receive a healthy snack option each morning from us. However, if you wish you may send them with a preferred fruit/vegetable snack. Please do not send your child to school with any other food.
- Please keep a look out on Tapestry for important dates this half term.

Dates for your diary:

- * **Tuesday 24th February** – Parent Consultation Day (please book an appointment at the office)
 - * **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day (come to school dressed as your favourite character)
 - * **Friday 13th March** – Mothers Day stay and play (9-10am)
 - * **Wednesday 25th March** – Easter Bonnet Parade 9am (children to bring their bonnet in on the day, labelled with their name)
- Class email: YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk,

Many thanks for all of your support,

Miss Thomas, Miss Dolan & Mrs Kyriacou