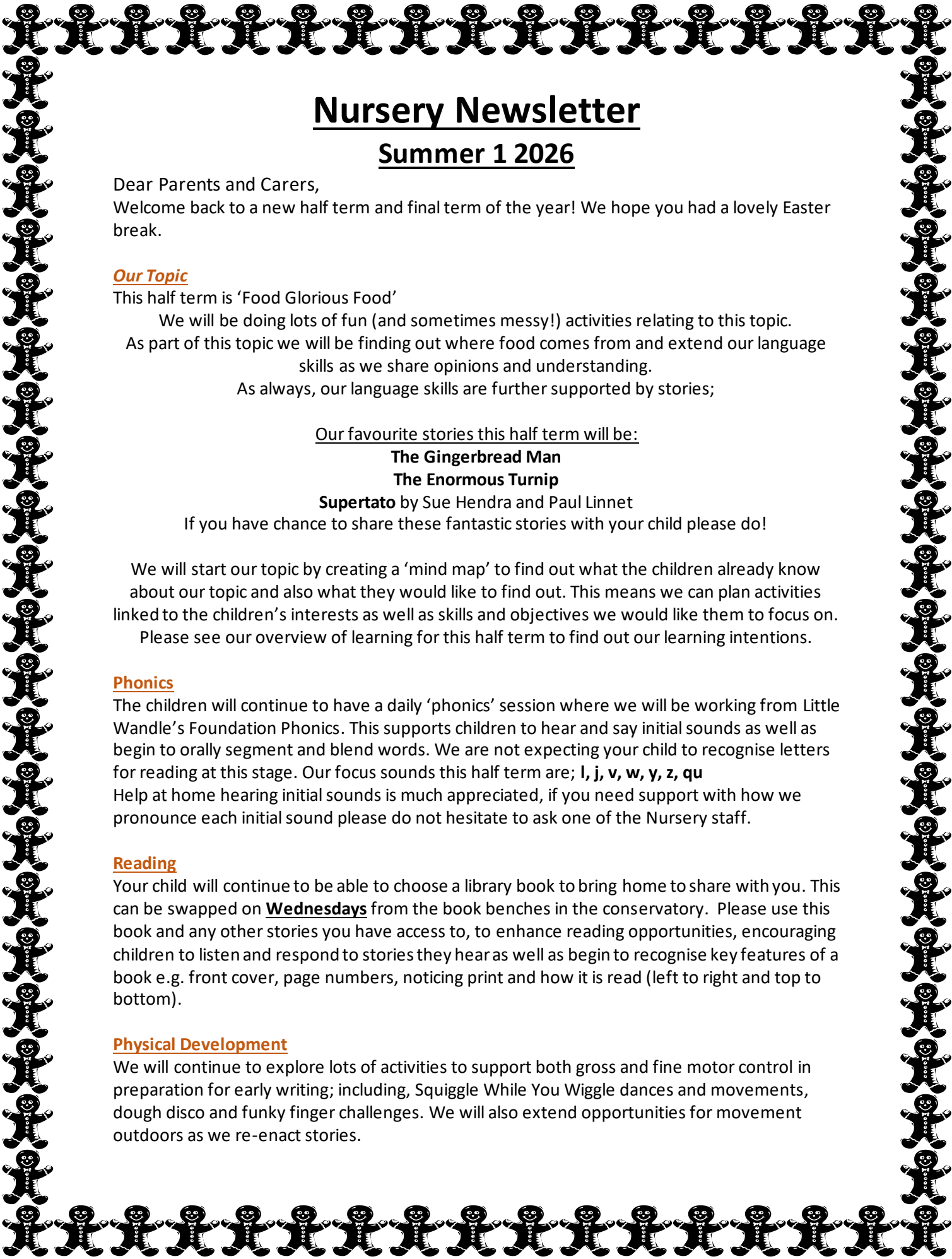




Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a new half term and final term of the year! We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

Our Topic

This half term is 'Food Glorious Food'

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

As part of this topic we will be finding out where food comes from and extend our language skills as we share opinions and understanding.

As always, our language skills are further supported by stories;

Our favourite stories this half term will be:

The Gingerbread Man

The Enormous Turnip

Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

If you have chance to share these fantastic stories with your child please do!

We will start our topic by creating 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 our overview of learning for this half term to find out our learning intentions.

Phonics

The children will continue to have a daily 'phonics' session where we will be working from Little Wandle's Foundation Phonics. This supports children to hear and say initial sounds as well as begin to orally segment and blend words. We are not expecting your child to recognise letters for reading at this stage. Our focus sounds this half term are; **l, j, v, w, y, z, qu**

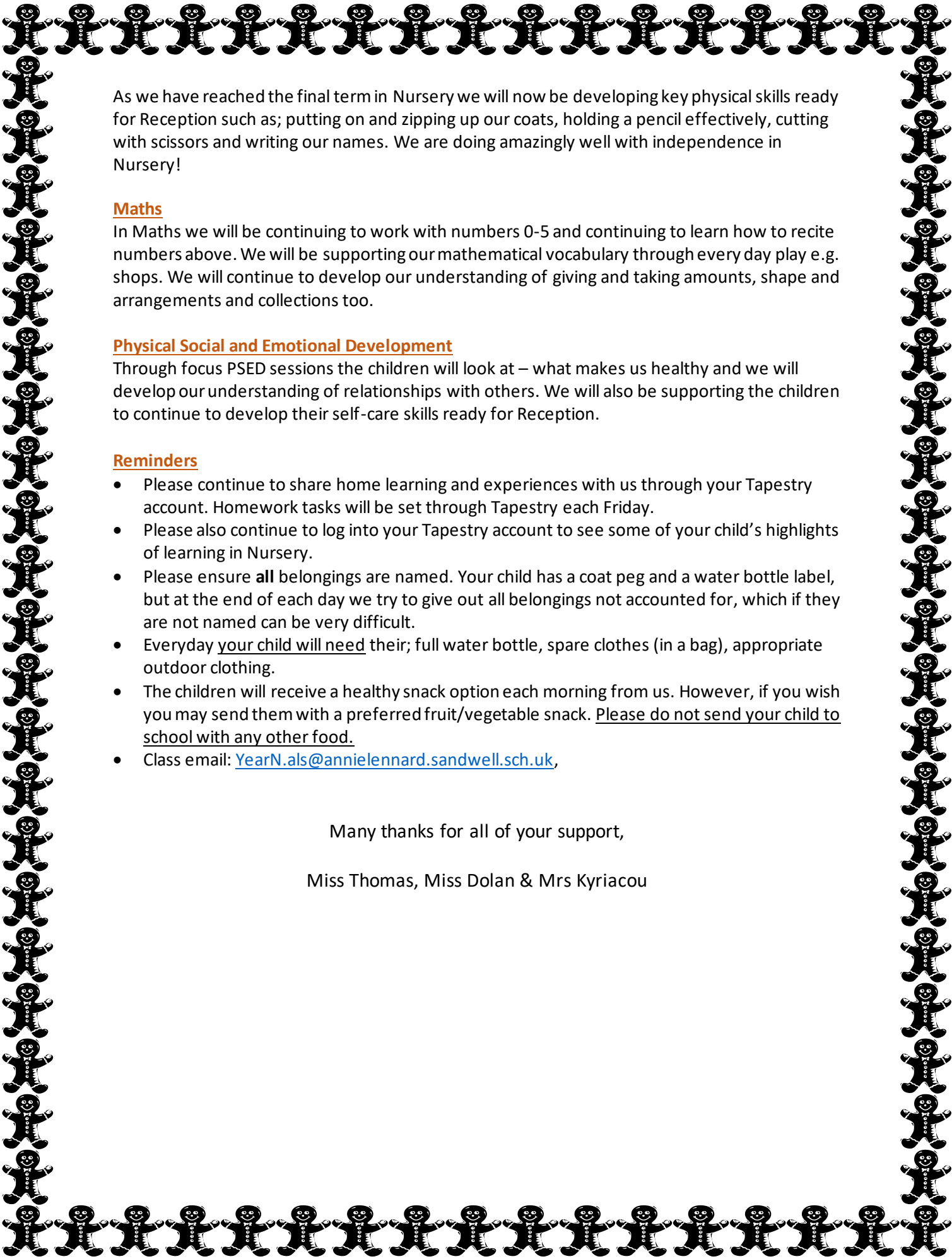
Help at home hearing initial sounds is much appreciated, if you need support with how we pronounce each initial sound please do not hesitate to ask one of the Nursery staff.

Reading

Your child will continue to be able to choose a library book to bring home to share with you. This can be swapped on **Wednesdays** from the book benches in the conservatory. Please use this book and any other stories you have access to, 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).

Physical Development

We will continue to explore lots of activities to support both gross and fine motor control in preparation for early writing; including, Squiggle While You Wiggle dances and movements, dough disco and funky finger challenges. We will also extend opportunities for movement outdoors as we re-enact stories.



As we have reached the final term in Nursery we will now be developing key physical skills ready for Reception such as; putting on and zipping up our coats, holding a pencil effectively, cutting with scissors and writing our names. We are doing amazingly well with independence in Nursery!

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to work with numbers 0-5 and continuing to learn how to recite numbers above. We will be supporting our mathematical vocabulary through every day play e.g. shops. We will continue to develop our understanding of giving and taking amounts, shape and arrangements and collections too.

Physical Social and Emotional Development

Through focus PSED sessions the children will look at – what makes us healthy and we will develop our understanding of relationships with others. We will also be supporting the children to continue to develop their self-care skills ready for Reception.

Reminders

- Please continue to share home learning and experiences with us through your Tapestry account. Homework tasks will be set through Tapestry each Friday.
- 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.
- Class email: YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk,

Many thanks for all of your support,

Miss Thomas, Miss Dolan & Mrs Kyriacou