

Wednesday 10th January 2024

Class 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year and have managed to have a lovely break too.

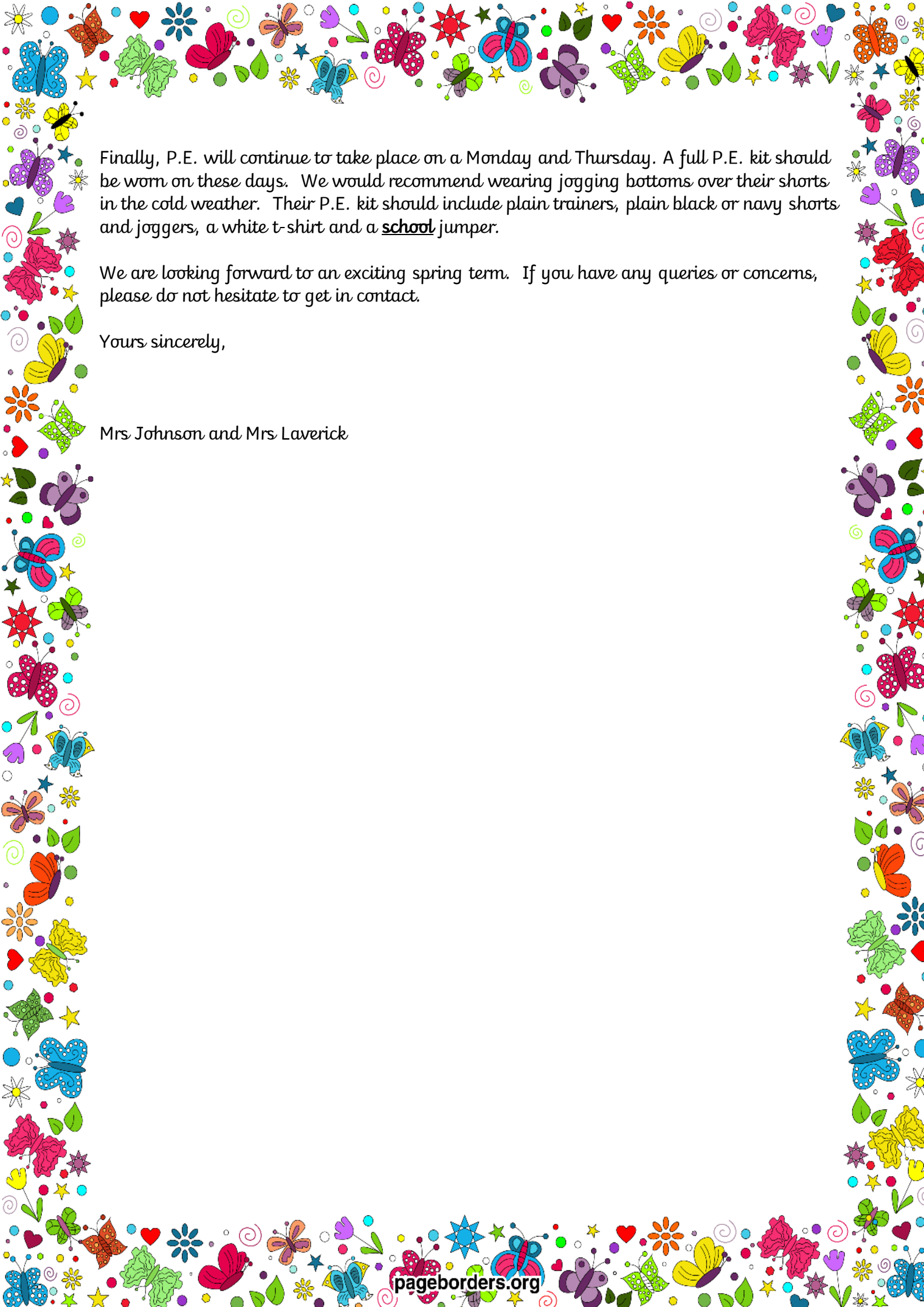
Please find attached Class 4's curriculum overview for the spring term. This will tell you what your child will be learning this term and ways in which you can enhance their learning.

As always, reading remains a priority as we know how important it is for accessing all subjects and how it fundamentally enriches children's writing. We continue to want to make this an enjoyable experience for the children and not a chore. Equally, by forming these regular reading habits, we hope that it will provide a relaxing time for the children away from screens. We would encourage **at least twenty minutes a day**, from a range of texts. Even as children get older, it is still important to make this a shared experience and find time to sit with your child and ask them questions to ensure they have a good understanding of what they are reading, even if they are just summarising what they have read. They will come home with a bookmark with some question ideas for you to use. Please ensure that they continue to record their own reading in their reading diaries, which will need to be signed by an adult and brought in every day. They will earn Dojo points for doing this.

As well as establishing regular reading habits, please ensure your child practises their multiplication and division facts through Times Table Rockstars. Times table knowledge is essential to supporting your child across all aspects of their maths work and makes it much easier for them to learn new concepts.

Alongside these, we will continue to use Century Tech which is a web-based programme that provides a personalised support to each and every child through clever, automated questioning. It challenges the children to work on the things they need to learn and is highly effective at identifying the gaps in their knowledge. It encourages children to dig deep into their own toolbox, find connections and use prior knowledge. This will be monitored each week and assignments assigned, where appropriate.

The government's statutory tests (SATs) for **Year 6 only** is timetabled from Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May 2024. More information will be provided for Year 6 parents during this term.



Finally, P.E. will continue to take place on a Monday and Thursday. A full P.E. kit should be worn on these days. We would recommend wearing jogging bottoms over their shorts in the cold weather. Their P.E. kit should include plain trainers, plain black or navy shorts and joggers, a white t-shirt and a school jumper.

We are looking forward to an exciting spring term. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Laverick