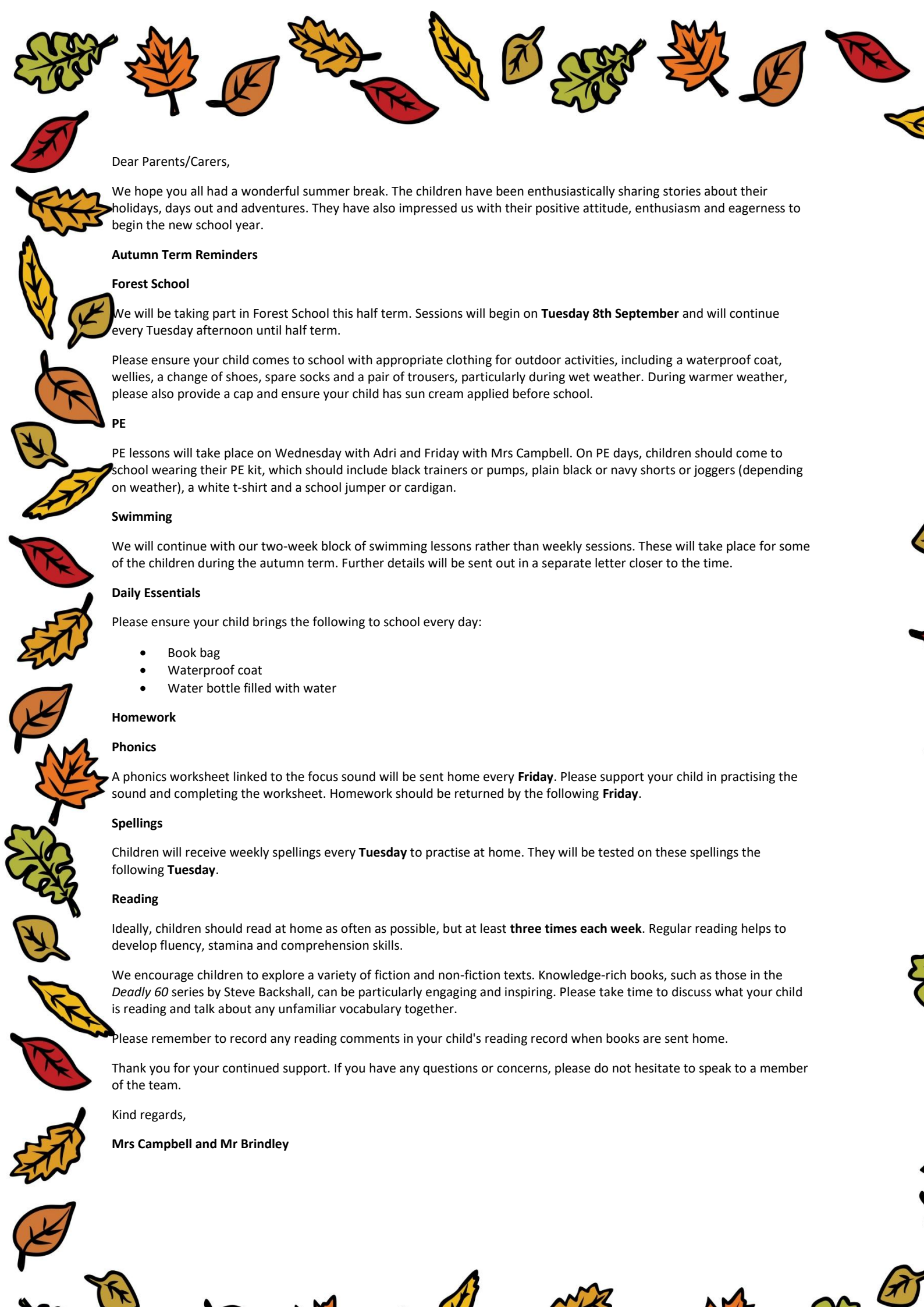




Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The children have been enthusiastically sharing stories about their holidays, days out and adventures. They have also impressed us with their positive attitude, enthusiasm and eagerness to begin the new school year.

Autumn Term Reminders

Forest School

We will be taking part in Forest School this half term. Sessions will begin on **Tuesday 8th September** and will continue every Tuesday afternoon until half term.

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, including a waterproof coat, wellies, a change of shoes, spare socks and a pair of trousers, particularly during wet weather. During warmer weather, please also provide a cap and ensure your child has sun cream applied before school.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Wednesday with Adri and Friday with Mrs Campbell. On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, which should include black trainers or pumps, plain black or navy shorts or joggers (depending on weather), a white t-shirt and a school jumper or cardigan.

Swimming

We will continue with our two-week block of swimming lessons rather than weekly sessions. These will take place for some of the children during the autumn term. Further details will be sent out in a separate letter closer to the time.

Daily Essentials

Please ensure your child brings the following to school every day:

- Book bag
- Waterproof coat
- Water bottle filled with water

Homework

Phonics

A phonics worksheet linked to the focus sound will be sent home every **Friday**. Please support your child in practising the sound and completing the worksheet. Homework should be returned by the following **Friday**.

Spellings

Children will receive weekly spellings every **Tuesday** to practise at home. They will be tested on these spellings the following **Tuesday**.

Reading

Ideally, children should read at home as often as possible, but at least **three times each week**. Regular reading helps to develop fluency, stamina and comprehension skills.

We encourage children to explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Knowledge-rich books, such as those in the *Deadly 60* series by Steve Backshall, can be particularly engaging and inspiring. Please take time to discuss what your child is reading and talk about any unfamiliar vocabulary together.

Please remember to record any reading comments in your child's reading record when books are sent home.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Campbell and Mr Brindley