

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Term 2, 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2! The children worked hard last term and should be congratulated for their excellent effort. Please take note of these important calendar entries:

Year 3 Calendar dates:

May 9th – May 12th

Naplan

July 29: First Reconciliation Special Mass or
July 30th: First Reconciliation Special Mass
August 9: Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7pm
August 23rd: First Reconciliation 9am
August 26th: Distribution of certificates 6pm Mass

Mass

May 29th: Year 3 Mass

Assembly

June 9th: Prayer Assembly

Year 3 Excursions

May 12th: Peter Pan Production at Newman College. No parent help required. This is a special excursion for Years 3 and 5. We will depart school after the Mass and return approximately at 1:30pm.
May 15th: Zoo excursion 9am- 1:30pm. I have enough volunteers thank you.
May 29th: HASS excursion. Please let me know if you can assist from 10:30-12:30pm.

Your children will be busy in the following areas:

Religious Education

At the start of next semester your child will be preparing for their First Reconciliation. Further information about the sacrament will be provided at our parent meeting on August 9th. Our units for this term are about Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Literacy

We will begin literacy groups after Naplan in week 4. In our literacy dedicated time, your child will work in small groups to complete comprehension, spelling and guided-reading activities. We will use ipads to assist teaching spelling and comprehension skills. Grammar and spelling books will be used to support your child's learning in literacy.

Writing

Your child is continuing to learn and consolidate persuasive writing and also narratives. This term we will investigate the genre of procedures.

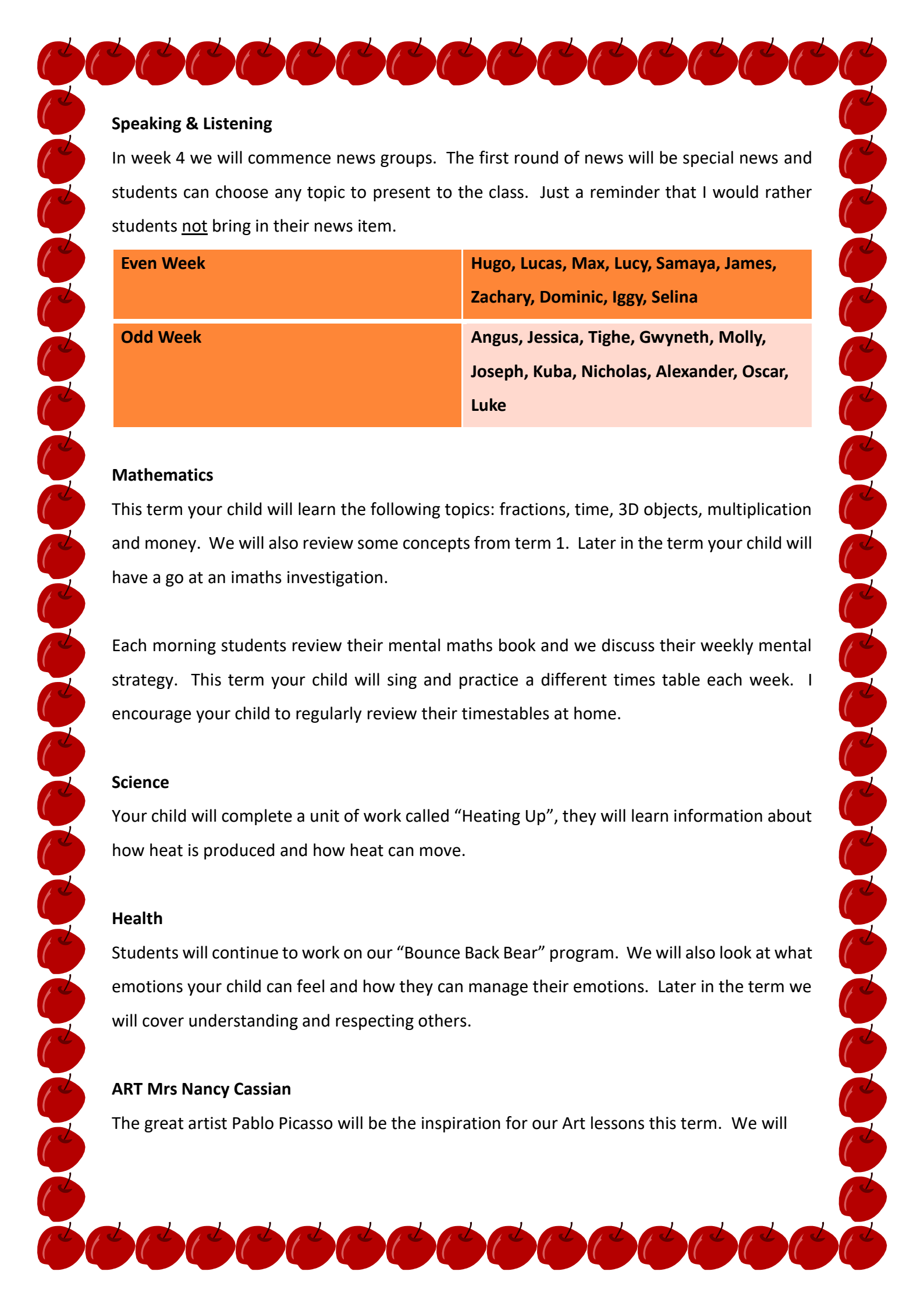
Spelling

Each week your child will focus on a different "Sound Waves" unit (11-20). Homework words for the week will be based on this sound unit. The children will be given a list of spelling words that are appropriate for their spelling age. At the end of the week there will be a spelling and dictation test.

Your child can access games and activities for each unit of work. Please go to www.soundwaveskids.com.au

The kids log in is: toys610





Speaking & Listening

In week 4 we will commence news groups. The first round of news will be special news and students can choose any topic to present to the class. Just a reminder that I would rather students not bring in their news item.

Even Week	Hugo, Lucas, Max, Lucy, Samaya, James, Zachary, Dominic, Iggy, Selina
Odd Week	Angus, Jessica, Tighe, Gwyneth, Molly, Joseph, Kuba, Nicholas, Alexander, Oscar, Luke

Mathematics

This term your child will learn the following topics: fractions, time, 3D objects, multiplication and money. We will also review some concepts from term 1. Later in the term your child will have a go at an imaths investigation.

Each morning students review their mental maths book and we discuss their weekly mental strategy. This term your child will sing and practice a different times table each week. I encourage your child to regularly review their timestables at home.

Science

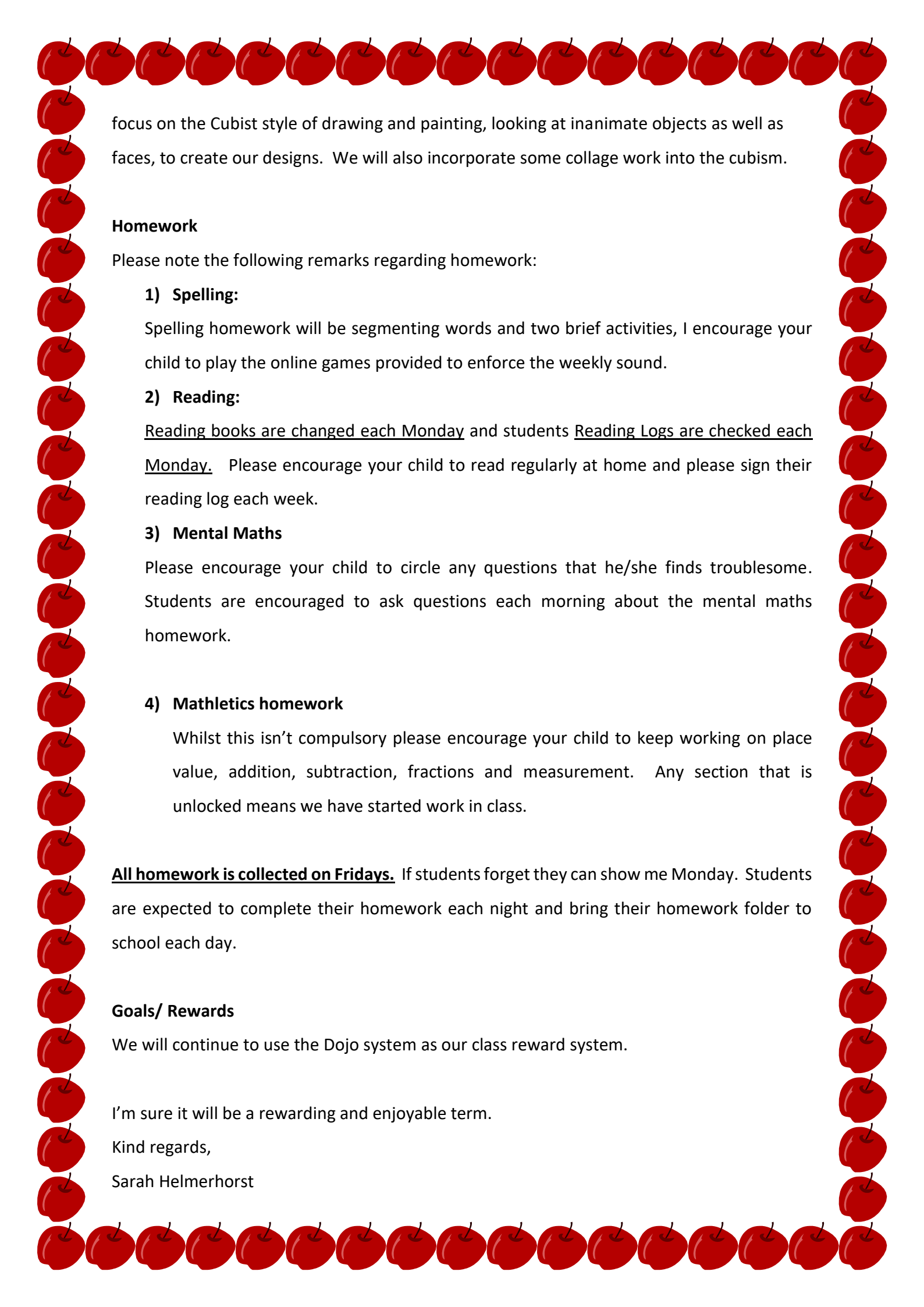
Your child will complete a unit of work called “Heating Up”, they will learn information about how heat is produced and how heat can move.

Health

Students will continue to work on our “Bounce Back Bear” program. We will also look at what emotions your child can feel and how they can manage their emotions. Later in the term we will cover understanding and respecting others.

ART Mrs Nancy Cassian

The great artist Pablo Picasso will be the inspiration for our Art lessons this term. We will



focus on the Cubist style of drawing and painting, looking at inanimate objects as well as faces, to create our designs. We will also incorporate some collage work into the cubism.

Homework

Please note the following remarks regarding homework:

1) Spelling:

Spelling homework will be segmenting words and two brief activities, I encourage your child to play the online games provided to enforce the weekly sound.

2) Reading:

Reading books are changed each Monday and students Reading Logs are checked each Monday. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and please sign their reading log each week.

3) Mental Maths

Please encourage your child to circle any questions that he/she finds troublesome. Students are encouraged to ask questions each morning about the mental maths homework.

4) Mathematics homework

Whilst this isn't compulsory please encourage your child to keep working on place value, addition, subtraction, fractions and measurement. Any section that is unlocked means we have started work in class.

All homework is collected on Fridays. If students forget they can show me Monday. Students are expected to complete their homework each night and bring their homework folder to school each day.

Goals/ Rewards

We will continue to use the Dojo system as our class reward system.

I'm sure it will be a rewarding and enjoyable term.

Kind regards,

Sarah Helmerhorst