

This half term
our value is

Friendship



Important Dates

Half term week:

Monday 31.5.21– Friday 4.6.21

Parent Consultations

Each week, 3 different children will continue to be the focus for **recorded** observations using the **Evidence Me** app and families will have a telephone 'meeting' with Mrs Bailey during the following week to discuss their child's learning.

Doves



It was great to have everybody back at the end of the Spring term and we are really looking forward to a more settled Summer Term!

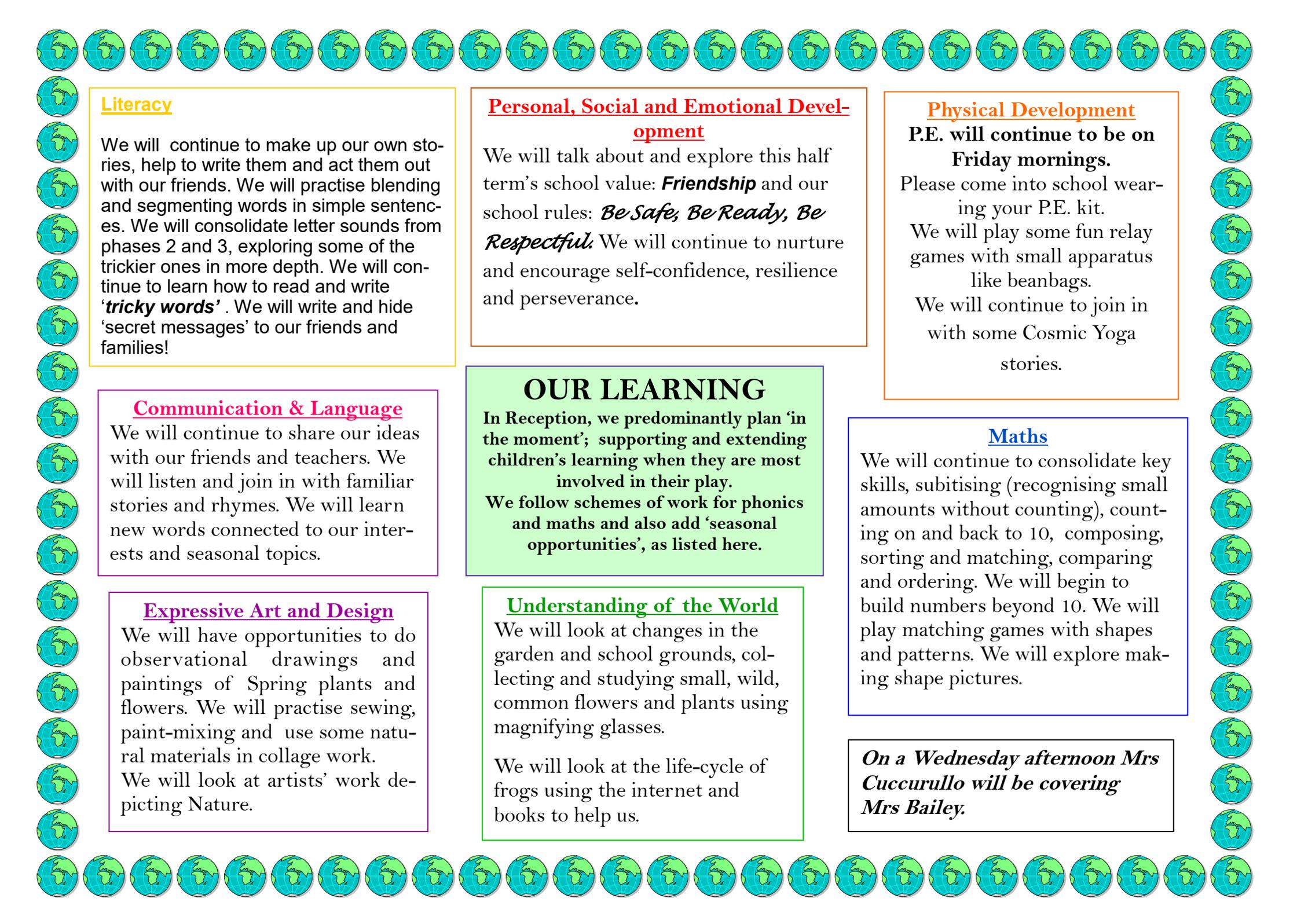
We would also like to warmly welcome Miss Skrzypczak to Doves this term. She is a student teacher from the University of Bedfordshire, specialising in the Early Years.

Some highlights ...



- To celebrate being all back together, we made a beautiful, whole-class painting; each child painting their own square!
- We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and having lots of fantastic stories.





Literacy

We will continue to make up our own stories, help to write them and act them out with our friends. We will practise blending and segmenting words in simple sentences. We will consolidate letter sounds from phases 2 and 3, exploring some of the trickier ones in more depth. We will continue to learn how to read and write '**tricky words**'. We will write and hide 'secret messages' to our friends and families!

Communication & Language

We will continue to share our ideas with our friends and teachers. We will listen and join in with familiar stories and rhymes. We will learn new words connected to our interests and seasonal topics.

Expressive Art and Design

We will have opportunities to do observational drawings and paintings of Spring plants and flowers. We will practise sewing, paint-mixing and use some natural materials in collage work. We will look at artists' work depicting Nature.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will talk about and explore this half term's school value: **Friendship** and our school rules: *Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful*. We will continue to nurture and encourage self-confidence, resilience and perseverance.

OUR LEARNING

In Reception, we predominantly plan 'in the moment'; supporting and extending children's learning when they are most involved in their play.

We follow schemes of work for phonics and maths and also add 'seasonal opportunities', as listed here.

Understanding of the World

We will look at changes in the garden and school grounds, collecting and studying small, wild, common flowers and plants using magnifying glasses.

We will look at the life-cycle of frogs using the internet and books to help us.

Physical Development

P.E. will continue to be on Friday mornings.

Please come into school wearing your P.E. kit.

We will play some fun relay games with small apparatus like beanbags.

We will continue to join in with some Cosmic Yoga stories.

Maths

We will continue to consolidate key skills, subitising (recognising small amounts without counting), counting on and back to 10, composing, sorting and matching, comparing and ordering. We will begin to build numbers beyond 10. We will play matching games with shapes and patterns. We will explore making shape pictures.

On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Cuccurullo will be covering Mrs Bailey.