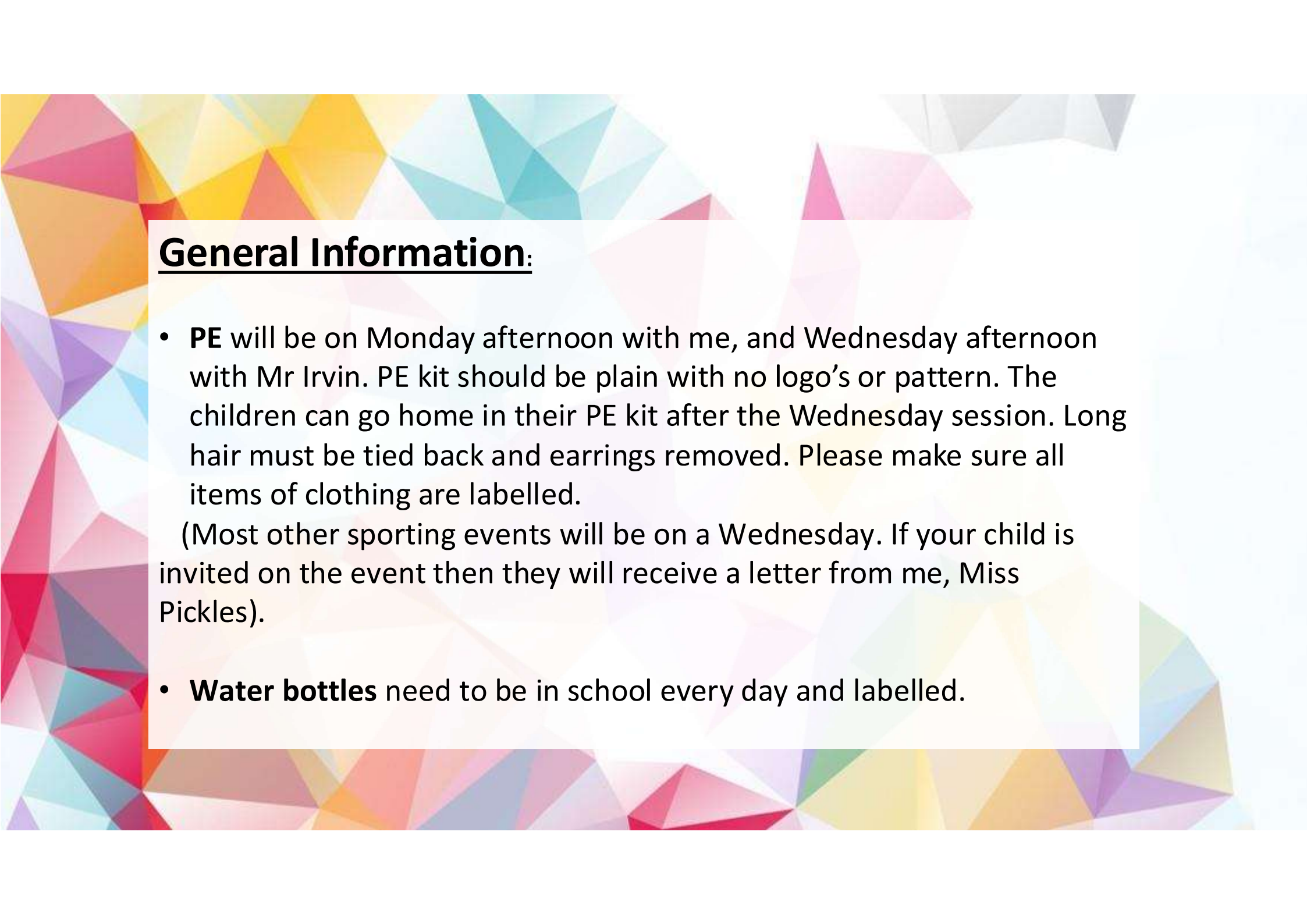


# **Welcome to Kestrels!**



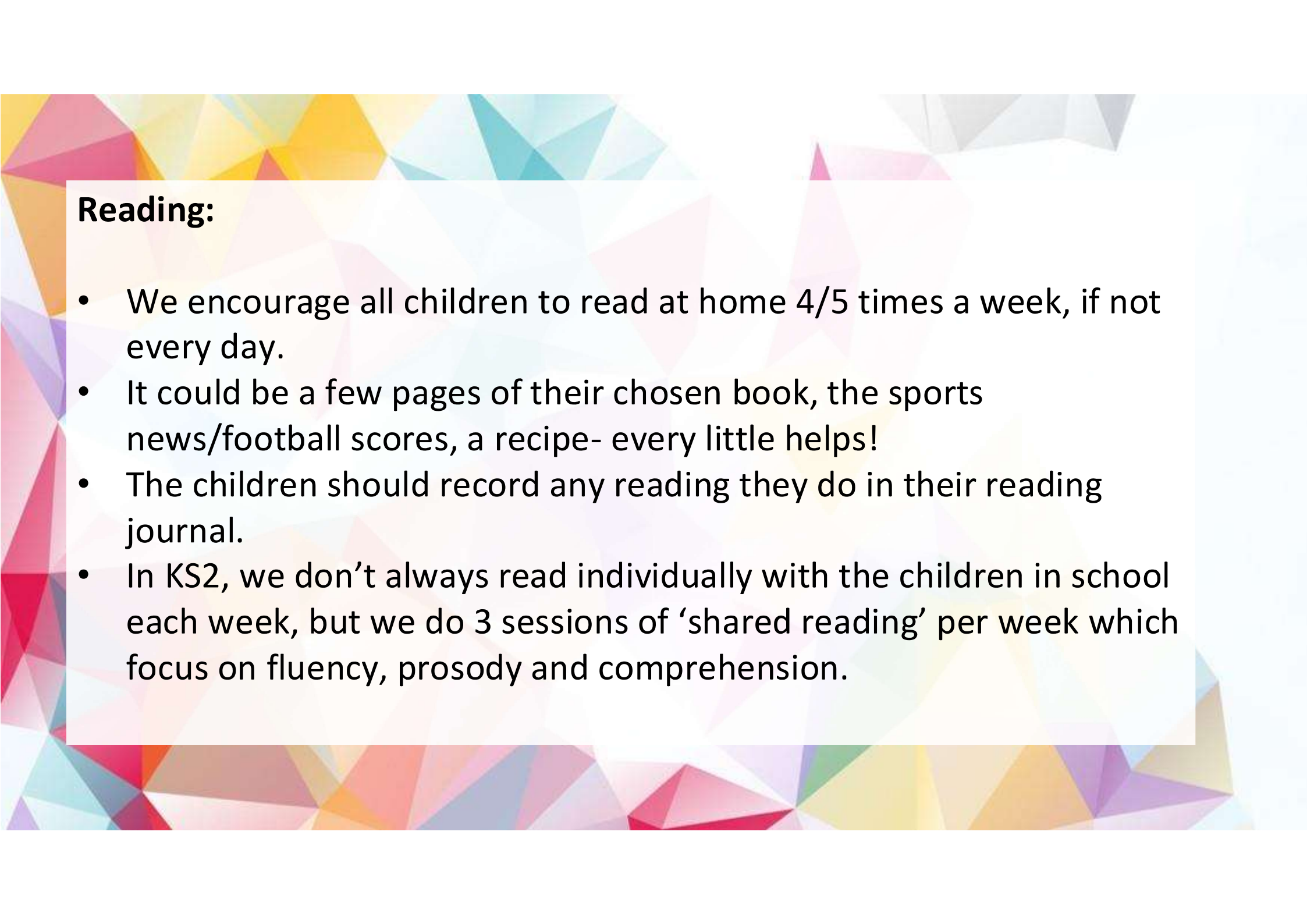


## General Information:

- **PE** will be on Monday afternoon with me, and Wednesday afternoon with Mr Irvin. PE kit should be plain with no logo's or pattern. The children can go home in their PE kit after the Wednesday session. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled.  
(Most other sporting events will be on a Wednesday. If your child is invited on the event then they will receive a letter from me, Miss Pickles).
- **Water bottles** need to be in school every day and labelled.

## Spelling:

- Each week the children will have a set of 6 spellings to learn. They will be given on Monday and we will have 3 spelling sessions during the week in school, then a check up on Friday.
- It would be beneficial to practice spellings at home via **spelling shed**- I will be giving house points for children who are engaging regularly with spelling shed and playing accurately!
- We also have a word of the week which children are encouraged to use in their writing- 2 house points on offer per time providing it's used correctly!



## Reading:

- We encourage all children to read at home 4/5 times a week, if not every day.
- It could be a few pages of their chosen book, the sports news/football scores, a recipe- every little helps!
- The children should record any reading they do in their reading journal.
- In KS2, we don't always read individually with the children in school each week, but we do 3 sessions of 'shared reading' per week which focus on fluency, prosody and comprehension.

## **Homework:**

I will be setting a short homework task each Friday which will vary between maths, SPAG, reading or some topic-based work. I will put details of the homework and due date on our class page of the website (it will usually be in for the following Tuesday).

During the week, I would love the children to do some of the following:

- TT rockstars
- Spelling shed
- Reading
- Duolingo

## **Year 4 multiplication tables check**

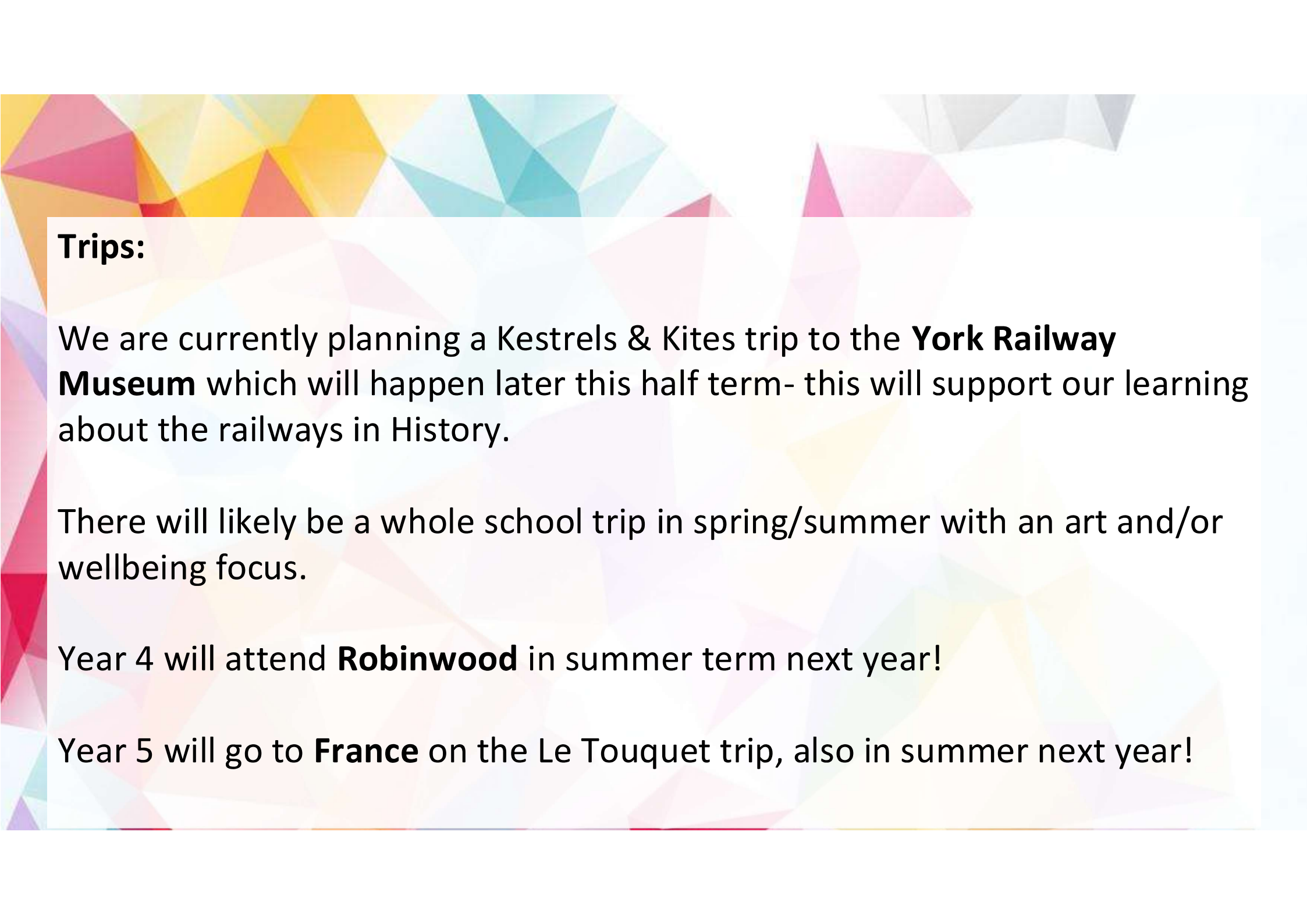
In early June, year 4 are tested on ALL times tables up to 12.

There are 25 quick fire questions to answer, which will be a mix of all the times tables.

We will be doing lots of practice on times tables in class!

‘Sound check’ on TT rock stars will be really helpful practice for this, as the questions flash up quite fast.

It’s nothing to worry about, but something for us to aim for.



## **Trips:**

We are currently planning a Kestrels & Kites trip to the **York Railway Museum** which will happen later this half term- this will support our learning about the railways in History.

There will likely be a whole school trip in spring/summer with an art and/or wellbeing focus.

Year 4 will attend **Robinwood** in summer term next year!

Year 5 will go to **France** on the Le Touquet trip, also in summer next year!

## Communication:

- Our long term plan for the year is on the class page of the website, so you can see which topics we will be covering.
- Our Autumn 1 weekly time-table is also on the class page.
- Class photos- at the end of each week we will upload pictures from the week so you can see what the children have been up to!
- Important dates –all important dates will be in the weekly newsletter.  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October- parents evening**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Kestrels assembly for Children in Need!**
- Star of the week- if your child is going to receive the star of the week certificate in the Friday assembly, you will be notified on Wednesday so that you can make arrangements to attend the assembly if you wish.
- If you need information, please visit the class page first. If you can't find what you need, please email Mrs Worthington admin@bishopmonkton.n-yorks.sch.uk.