

Happy New Year and Welcome to the Spring Term 2018!

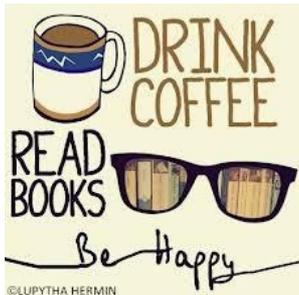
We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break...the children definitely seem to be refreshed and ready for learning. We have a busy term ahead!

The School Day:

School opens at 8.50am and lessons start promptly at 9am. Please ensure that your child(ren) is on time as early morning activities are organised to settle children into the day. Any arrivals after 9am disrupts lesson time.

The children in Year 1 and 2 are becoming more and more efficient at organising their own learning resources and personal belongings throughout the day. We would like to help them to further develop their independence by encouraging them to come into school by themselves in the morning, to hang their coats and bags on their pegs. Mrs Burke is outside at the Y2 entrance if you have any urgent messages to pass on to Mrs Rowett or Mrs Hunton. Alternatively, you could contact the school office if you would like to arrange a telephone conversation or appointment with your child's class teacher.

Reading:



We would really like to grow children's love of reading this term. On the last Tuesday of every month, we would like to invite you to our 'Reading Café'. This will be an opportunity for you to visit our library and reading areas in our classrooms to share some of our books with your children. They could read to you or vice versa. You might find a book that you would like to borrow to read at home. There will be some craft activities and reading challenges for you to enjoy together. It's a free café...we will provide drinks, refreshments....AND BOOKS!!! Younger/older brothers and sisters are also welcome. Dates for this term: 30th January, 27th February, 27th March. We really look forward to seeing you there-we know the children will love it!

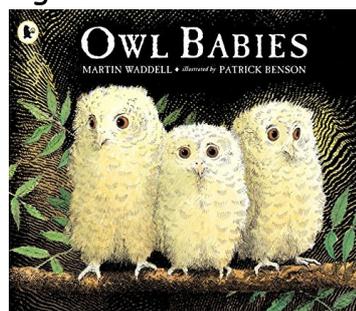
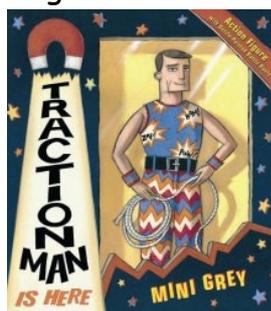
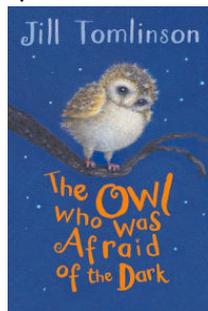
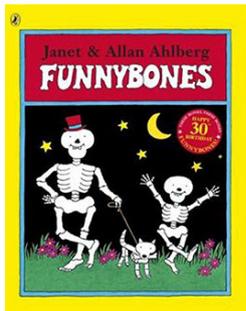
Homework:

It is really important that children read regularly at home (at least three times per week) Please log any reading in their reading records. Your child will receive a list of spellings to learn at home and at school. The children will have a weekly spelling test every Thursday on words and rules that they have been learning and practicing daily. **Please** help your child to learn their spellings at home. They will continue to be allocated maths tasks on Abacus linked to their learning-this will help them to practice their mental arithmetic. Homework Challenges will also be sent home again this term...completing the tasks will help your child to consolidate their learning through a range of activities, and hopefully they will enjoy them too!

Curriculum

This half term we will be learning about animals and humans, inspired by the stories: Funnybones, Owl Babies and The Owl who was Afraid of the dark. We will be understanding

how animals change as they grow, what features they have in common (including their skeletons), how animals survive and why a healthy diet and exercise is important for humans. Next half term, we will be focusing on materials through the text 'Traction Man'.



Our topic web on the school website includes all the information about each subject and the activities that we will cover.

Year 1 will have Forest Schools every Monday until half term....please remember to send them with waterproofs, layers and wellies....it could be a bit chilly!! Every Wednesday, the children in year 1 and 2 will have PE with Sporting Influence. This will be outdoors as much as possible (depending on the weather) so please make sure that they have indoor and outdoor PE kit every week!

Absence from school.

If your child is unable to attend school please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent. If your child is going to be absent from school for any length of time, their teacher will make arrangements to send work home. We hope you find this information useful. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The Year 1 & 2 Team