

# YEAR 1/2 SUMMER 2018

We hope you have enjoyed your holiday reading challenge. We are looking forward to reading all your questionnaires and sharing your stories. We are still offering rewards for regular reading as we believe this is the most important aspect of your children's learning at this point.

Another focus in class at the moment is our 'growth mindset'. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities. Having a growth mindset can make a difference to how we learn and how we feel. The children have learned how the brain is like our muscles and that the more we use it the better it gets. We have currently focused on changing our thinking from 'I can't do this and this is too hard' to 'This may take some time and effort' and 'Mistakes help me to learn'. We want to encourage resilience and persistence in our children so they are determined to improve.

Later this term the Year 2 children will complete their SATs. We will try to make these as straightforward and stress free as we can for them. We will intersperse the tests with more fun activities to help. The Year 1 children will complete their phonics assessments in June. More information about both of these will follow at a later date.

## OUR BIG IDEA LEARNING

This term we start with a focus on 'Castles'. On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May we are going to visit Skipton Castle. We will find out all about the different parts of the castle, who lived there and how some of it is really old! We have found a really fun book to start this topic all about George and his dragon. We will use this to inspire our writing, art and D.T.

Our science will focus on plants and living things.

Mrs Simpson will be using the theme of 'peace' to provide a stimulus for her work on a Wednesday morning. We are looking forward to a quiet and chilled morning...



Remember this term...

**TUESDAY** - swimming. Please bring swimming costume including a hat and goggles and a healthy snack for afterwards.

Tuck shop will now be on a **WEDNESDAY**. 20p for a biscuit and 20p for a drink.

PE will be on a **FRIDAY** - we are very lucky to be having coaches in from Skipton tennis club to teach us this term.

Water bottle **EVERY** day!

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If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.

Carol Dweck

Looking for reading inspiration.... Why not try a book about castles and knights? Or maybe one about dragons?

