

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we have continued to encourage children to read regularly. Reading at home is very important. Many children are enjoying their reading and are always keen to talk about their favourite books.

On Fridays Y4 and Y5 classes visit the local library, all classes will have the opportunity to visit during this year.

We continue to aim high with reading and celebrate using the reading ladders in class aiming to get to the top and one person in every class achieves a book worm certificate in our Friday morning achievement assembly.

We break up for half term on Friday 10th February, I hope everyone has a fabulous holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 21st February.

Mrs Jerrom

### Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property. Please can you put names on your child's uniform as it can be returned to them a lot easier. Please name lunchboxes and water bottles as there are a few of them in lost property too. Anything that isn't collected by the end of next week will be disposed of.

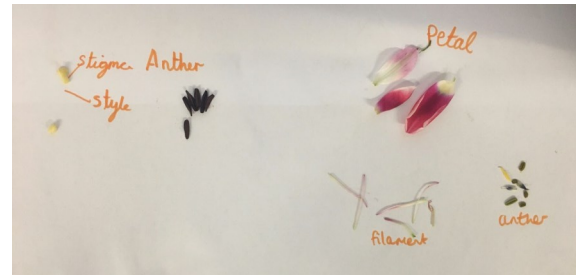
Thank you for your support.

### Book Fair

Our book fair will held in the school hall the week beginning the 6th February from 3.35pm daily. There will be over 200 titles for your child to choose from with prices starting at 2.99. Payment can be made by cash or contactless payment. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### LKS2 News

In year 3, the children have been learning about the different parts of a plant. Using microscopes and real plants, they have been able to identify and describe what they see on roots, stems, leaves and flowers. The children worked together to dissect a flower and find all the different parts. We will also be learning more about how to make sure a plant stays alive and healthy, as well as what happens to it if it is deprived of different key resources.



Mrs Iraola

### Headteacher Awards

Well done to the children who worked so hard to achieve their awards.

Jhavier Y6 - for great work in maths on percentages

Lucas Y2 - for fantastic homework about minibeasts

Conor Y6 - for writing a fabulous newspaper article

Isabella Y6 - for making a great poster about the Galapagos Islands

Darcy Y6 - for homework about science adaptations

Averie Rec - for amazing writing

Rafe Y4 - for wonderful homework about mountains and about snowboarders

Connor Y2 - for being kind and playing nicely with his friends

Tillie Rec - for super effort with her writing

Johnoya Y6 - for great work in maths on percentages



### Dates for your Diary

Fri 3rd Feb - Girls football vs St Elpheges  
W/C 6th Feb - Mental Health Awareness Week  
W/C 6th Feb - Book Fair Week  
Tues 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day  
Thurs 9th Feb - Boys football vs Holy Trinity

Fri 10th Feb - Children break up for half term  
Mon 20th Feb - Inset Day  
Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day  
Fri 3rd Mar - Year 2 trip to Tower of London

### Sports News

Mixed football results v Nonsuch

Tweeddale took on Nonsuch Primary School in the 2nd round of the Borough Cup, for both girls and boys recently. The girls registered a comfortable 2-0 win thanks to a penalty from Hailey and a great finish by Johnoya. Kelsey was an exemplary team captain while Tamara put in a strong performance in defence on her debut. Abbie was brave and commanding in goal. The girls did really well to keep their cool as the opposition tried to verbally wind them up in the latter stages, so will have grown in character for coming out as deserved winners. Unfortunately, the boys team were unable to repeat the girls' success, going down to a 4-1 defeat. After falling behind 2-0, Ernie scored an amazing volley, his first for the team, to make it 2-1, but the half time whistle halted Tweeddale's momentum. Nonsuch were able to regain control in the second half and score a further 2 goals. Goalkeeper Oscar made a number of great saves, which prevented the scoreline being higher. Younes and Ronnie showed lots of individual skill, while Finlay in particular showed his captaincy credentials as an excellent, positive team mate. This week, both the boys and the girls take on St Elphege's in the league.

Mr Dix

### Foundation Stage

In Nursery, the children have enjoyed their week learning about the traditions of Chinese New Year. The children have particularly enjoyed painting Cherry blossom trees.

In Reception this week, we have been reading the story called 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children have enjoyed listening to the story and acting it out with their friends and using key vocabulary such as 'Fee Fi Fo Fum!' when pretending to be the Giant. The children have enjoyed self selecting and mixing paints to make new colours for their beanstalk pictures.

Miss Digman

### KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

I have been chatting with Year 2 and they excitedly told me about their learning. During English, using their topic 'Wriggle and Crawl' they have been writing in different styles. They learnt how to write a diary from the viewpoint of a caterpillar and how to create shape poems with a minibeast theme. They have also been learning how to set out and write a letter with the focus on Anansi the spider.

In Mathematics they have been exploring properties of shape, identifying 2D shapes through their sides and corners and identifying 3D shapes through their faces, edges and vertices.

Miss Thirtle

### UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

In the last couple of weeks, Year 5 have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also been studying the life cycles of plants and have been doing some planting ourselves, taking cuttings of rosemary to explore the science of plant reproduction and regrowth. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports about A Bug's Life. There are clearly some budding journalists among the year group! In addition, we have been learning about the artists Maurits Escher and Bridget Riley and creating original tessellating art inspired by their designs. We have also been learning about the school's values and how the pupils and staff could work together to make Tweeddale an even more welcoming and aspirational place at which to study and grow. We have continued our visits to the library and the children have shown great enthusiasm for reading and discovering new authors.

In Year 6, we have been learning more about Charles Darwin. We have been investigating how animals have adapted to their environments over time and discussed Darwin's theory about natural selection. We are currently writing our own newspaper reports on the discovery of a new creature found on Pandora. We have been inspired by both Charles Darwin and watching a short clip of the start of the first Avatar film.

Mrs Moat