



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the half term break, we would like to take this opportunity to express great thanks to all those families who are following our home learning offer for the last six weeks. You have done such a marvellous job and teachers are delighted to be able to view children's work being uploaded on line. Thank you also for continuing with hearing your child read and for coming up to school on Mondays to exchange books. This situation is far from ideal but we are very pleased to see how well the children are doing under very challenging circumstances.

On our return after half term, we expect to hear about the Government's plans to re-open schools in March. Currently announcements are due to be made on 22nd February with an anticipated return being considered from Monday 8th March. We will be in contact with you as soon as possible to outline how the re-opening will be phased in here at Fulmer Infant School. We are so looking forward to our school getting back to normal and seeing everyone back in school together once more.

Celebrating Excellent Work from all our Classes!

Whether working at home or in school, all our pupils are being offered the same timetable of activities and we would like to share work from around the school.

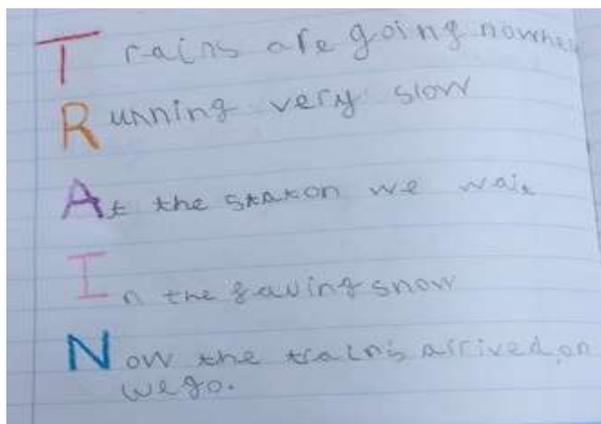
In **Year 2** pupils have been making wonderfully creative little booklets to tell the story in both words and pictures of how the sun was made. Several of these have already been submitted and we are thrilled to see they are being produced to a very high standard, as the pictures below show.



In their Geography studies Year 2 have also been learning all about the country of Australia. A craft activity they have really enjoyed this week has been to create the Sydney Opera House using paper plates! The creations are amazing!



In **Year 1** pupils have been learning about famous inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone and George Stephenson, the inventor of the steam train. Pupils have been asked to try making their own phones at home and to write acrostic poems about the train.



Also, using advice from Rob (You Tube: Drawing with Rob), pupils have created some wonderful Robin artwork as shown below: -



In our **Reception Class** children have been very excited to both learn about and celebrate Chinese New Year! This is being celebrated around the world today, Friday 12th February and we will be entering the Year of the Ox!

Pupils have heard the story of all the animals, learnt about New Year traditions and had fun making New Year decorations as the pictures below show:-



Reading Books

For the half term break we will **not** be exchanging reading books. The next reading book exchange day will be Monday 22nd February. Teachers have asked, however, that parents use the week as a period of consolidation and revision. Please still do your daily reading sessions with your child and revisit the books you already have. Repetition is a valuable reading tool as is remembering stories and practicing any challenging words.

Half Term Colouring and Story Writing Competitions

During the half-term holiday two celebratory events will be occurring, namely Valentine's Day on Sunday 14th February and Pancake Day on Tuesday 16th February. Both of these events can be great fun for children and we are hoping many might like to take part in two competitions we are running!

At the end of this newsletter please see a Valentine's Day picture to colour for children from all classes and 2 Pancake Day recipe writing & designing sheets for Year 1 and 2 pupils.

There will be prizes for the best entries so please encourage your child to have a go! All entries should be returned to school by Wednesday 24th February, either in person, by post or by email. All competition entries received by this time will be judged on Thursday 25th February by a panel of 3 staff members.

Have lots of fun trying your best!

Diary Dates



Lockdown school closure is in place until at least Monday 8th March and we await further information about how we will be re-opening to all pupils.

Half-term is Monday 15th Feb to Friday 19th February 2021

End of Spring Term is Thursday 1st April 2021



On Friday 5th February, you may remember we had a weird mix of sunshine and rain throughout the day. By the end of the day a magnificent double rainbow appeared in the sky making a perfect arc over the school!

The Irish believe in a myth about a crock of gold being at the end of the rainbow – perhaps Fulmer Infant School is that crock of gold!

And Finally.....

As we approach the half term holiday we wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing break. Whilst the Covid advice is to 'Stay at Home' and holidays and travel are still banned, we hope you still get to enjoy some fun activities with your children and can enjoy quality time together. Perhaps keep a little diary with sentences, drawings and photos that the children can share on their return to school.

Stay safe and stay well

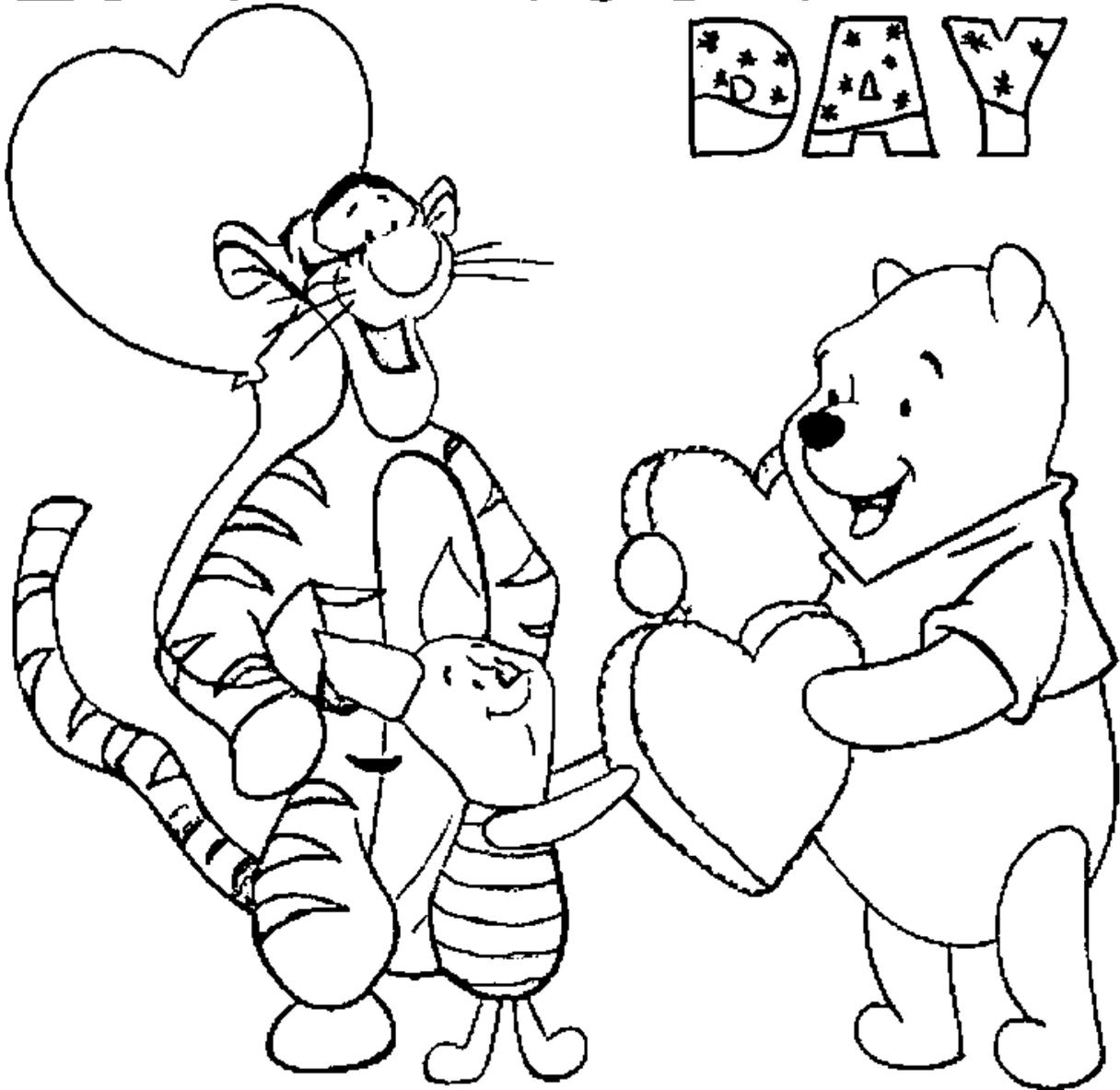
With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers

HAPPY

VALENTINES

DAY



I confirm that this colouring competition page is my child's own work

Child's Name _____ Class _____ Signed _____

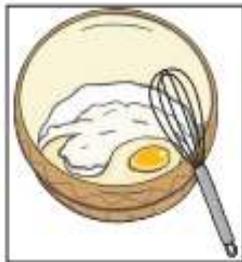
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Pancake Day Writing Activity

Write a sentence about each of the pictures to create instructions for how to make pancakes. Use the keywords in the box to help you.

pancake 	bowl 
batter 	pan 
ingredients 	 sound it out
	 finger spaces
	 full stop



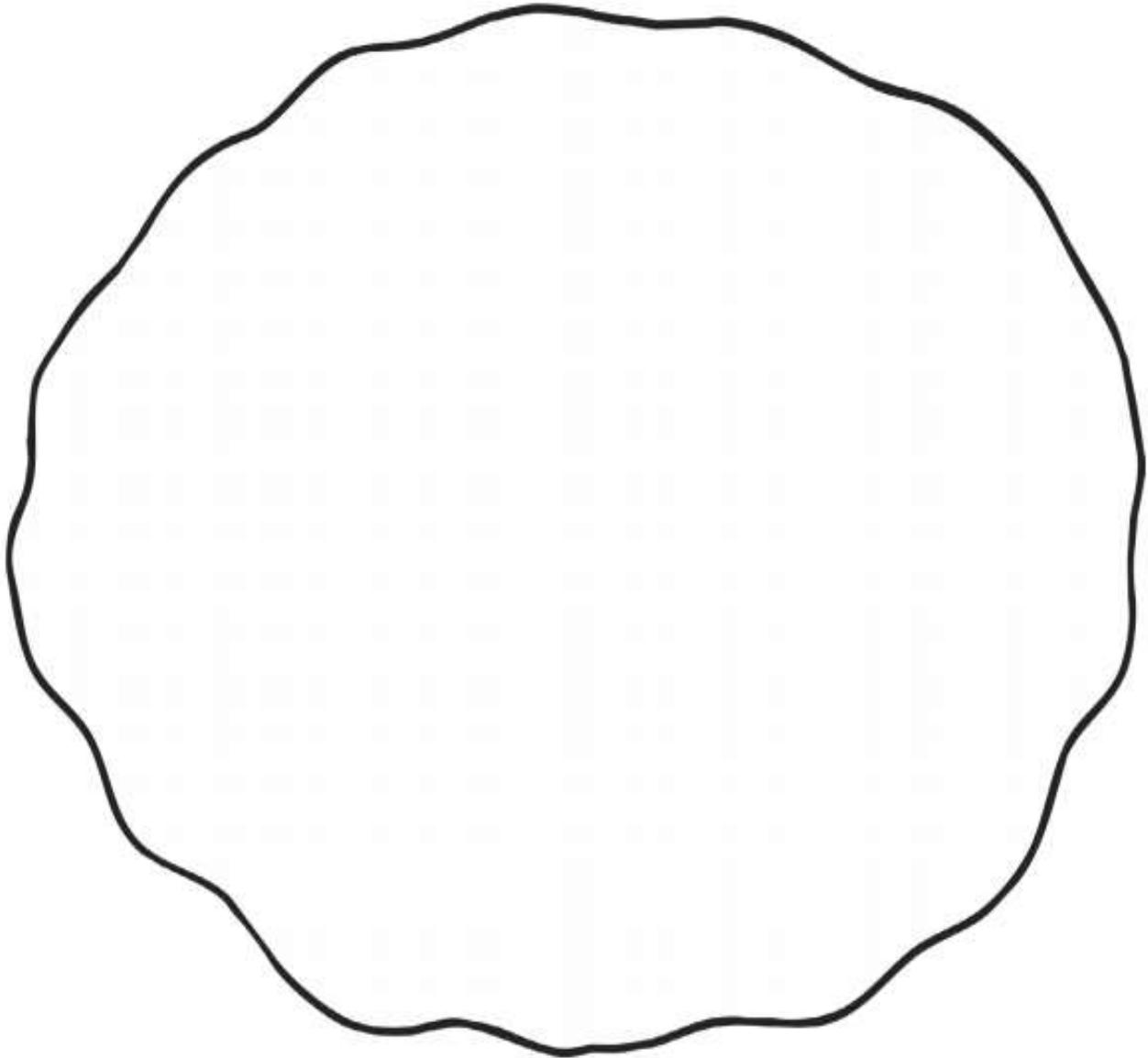






My Perfect Pancake

My perfect pancake would have...



I confirm that these two Pancake Day competition pages are my child's own work

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