



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. We return with the news that schools can fully re-open on Monday 8th March and all pupils are expected to be back in school full time from this date. Naturally we are really delighted as we have missed the children so much.

Re-opening Plans

In order to keep everyone safe when we re-open on the 8th March, we will be putting the following measures in place. Many of these are already known to you but read on to refresh your memories.

- Please keep to 2 metre social distancing when arriving at school and queuing around the gates
- Please always wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth when visiting the school
- Staggered arrival and departure times, please note the changes:
 - Reception children: drop off 08:45, collection 2:45 and please use the front entrance
 - Year 1 children: drop off 08:55, collection 2:55 and please use the side gate entrance
 - Year 2 children: drop off 09:05, collection 3:05 and please use the side gate.
- Pupil temperatures will continue to be taken until the end of term
- We will continue to operate the school in two bubbles, Reception and Years 1&2, which we will review in April
- Please also note PE clothes should be worn on the following days: -

Reception – Fridays Year 1 - Wednesdays Year 2 - Thursdays

Lunchtime and Playtime Arrangements

From Monday 8th March we will have fruit and milk on offer for the morning break as a snack. No snacks are needed to come in from home.

At lunchtime, until the end of term, a cold lunch will be available, consisting of filled rolls (cheese, ham or tuna), yoghurt and a piece of fruit. Our usual hot lunch service will resume from April 19th next term. Whilst the provision is a cold lunch, parents may prefer to send a packed lunch from home which some children prefer. This is your choice but we ask that you email the school to inform us of your lunchtime preference by **1:00pm on Tuesday 3rd March.**

If you do choose to send in a packed lunch for your child, please remember we are a nut free school and any items containing nuts should not be sent in. Thank you.

School Clubs

We are delighted to tell you that from Tuesday 9th March our after school clubs will be starting up again and running for 3 weeks. The Monday 'Crafty' club will commence from Monday 15th March and again run for 3 weeks. More information about joining our after school clubs will be sent out next week so watch out – further details to follow!

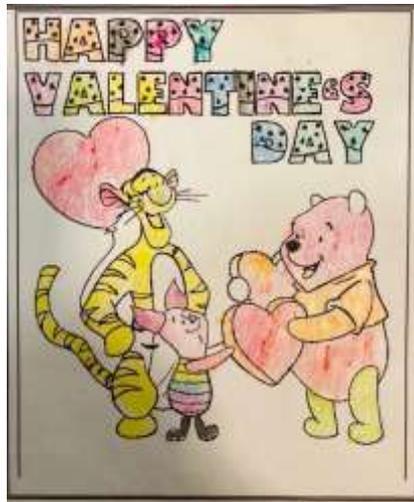
Returning Books and Resources to School

Over the last two months many school resources have been sent to you to support pupils learning at home. These will need to be returned on Monday 8th March. Please look out for an email, coming soon, from the school informing everyone about exactly what needs to be returned for each class.

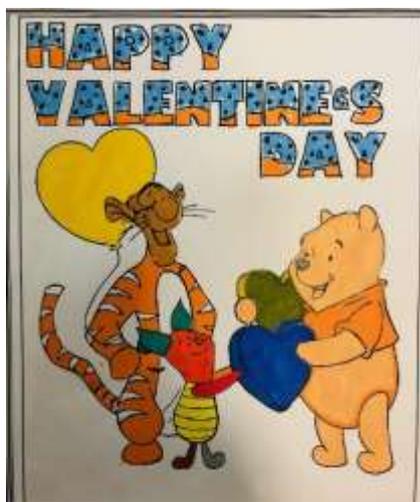
Half Term Colouring and Story Writing Competitions

Over the half term break we invited the children to participate in two special competitions we were running; one for careful colouring and the other for writing and designing. We were absolutely delighted to receive so many entries and were especially impressed with the excellent standard of work. It has made the judging incredibly difficult.

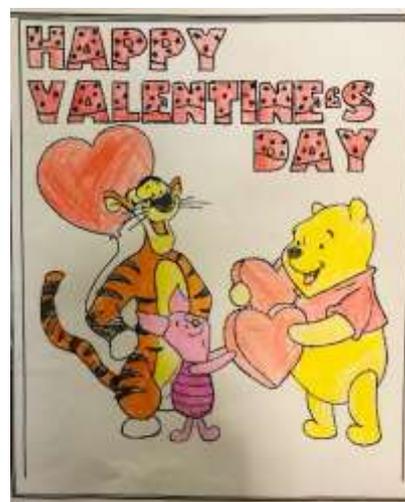
Congratulations to our worthy winners! Here are the winner's entries: -



Reception Winner



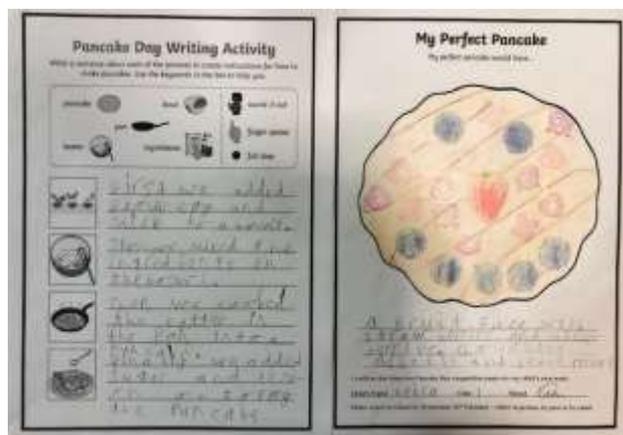
Year 1 Winner—



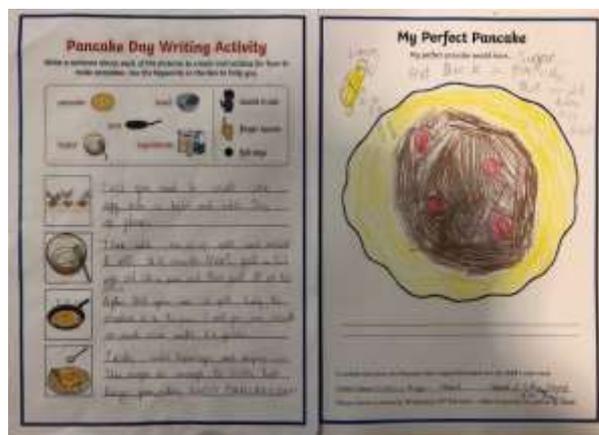
Year 2 Winner

For our writing and designing competition, children from Years 1 & 2 were asked to write a pancake recipe and design what their pancake should look like. We had some amazing creations that sounded so delicious!

Here are the two winning entries: -



Year 1 Winner



Year 2 Winner

World Book Day

World Book Day this year falls on Thursday 4th March and, sadly, we will not have many children in school to share the occasion with. In order to try and celebrate, we will be running a World Book Day competition and giving out the £1 book tokens so that all children can either exchange them for the specially written World Book Day books or, put it towards the cost of any other book. W.H. Smiths and many supermarkets are currently stocking these books.

Details & resources for the competition will be available on Monday when you come up to school to exchange books. The closing date is Monday 8th March.

Bringing Spring to the School Gardens

As the weather became milder this week, some of the children currently in school, have been able to experience a little gardening. All of our three planting beds were cleared over the half term break and as the spring evolves, children will be able to enjoy planting vegetables, fruits and flowers and watching them grow. To get us started we have planted a few mini Daffodils and Year 1 pupils have been given beans to start off at home.

Planting in school was great fun especially when we uncovered a few worms!



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

Diary Dates



- World Book Day – Thursday 4th March
- School fully open – Monday 8th March
- School clubs start from Tuesday 9th March
- Friday 19th March – Red Nose Day
- End of Spring Term is Thursday 1st April 2021 and we finish at 1:00pm
- School re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April

And Finally.....

We are so looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and hopefully we can be back to normal as soon as possible. Thank you so much for all your support in carrying out the home learning programme and helping your children to learn under challenging circumstances. You have done a really marvellous job and we truly appreciate it.

Stay safe and stay well.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers