

Panda Class



Newsletter—Spring One

Happy New Year!!!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and you all enjoyed the holiday.

I would like to welcome you all back to be a very busy and exciting 2018. As always, we have lots of exciting things planned to make learning as fun and interesting as possible.

Although we are some of the youngest children in school, we are trying to help our children as independent as possible. You can help your child by allowing them to organise themselves in the cloakroom and encouraging them to come into the classroom and make a start with their morning activity.

As always if you have any questions, or any information to pass on please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or Mrs Brook.

Other helpful information and school lunch menus can be found on the parent board in the cloakroom.

Mrs Kantecki.



Race to Read'

This year our children are already racing up that bean stalk in our 'Race to Read' competition. If the children read 3+ times at home during the week, and it is written in their reading record then they will move up the reading bean stalk in the classroom. There will be prizes to those children who achieve this each half term.

Reading will include:

- Key words/reading lists
- Reading books
- Shared reading (you read a page, they read a page, discuss the book, characters, what might happen next?)



This half term our topic is 'Did Dragons exist?'. During the topic we will be exploring life in the past; real and imagined knights, their armour and battles; real and imagined princes, princesses, Kings and Queens; fairy tales and traditional tales; real life 'dragons' and their habitats. We will use stories and the children's own ideas and questions to develop the topic. There will be a surprise visit from a princess and we will extend the topic into Chinese New Year to learn about a different culture, how Chinese people celebrate their new year, their beliefs and how they compare to ours. We will take part in a Chinese dragon dance workshop!

- Homework will be given out on a Friday.
- Reading books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Phonics homework books will continue to come home throughout the week.

PE day—Friday.

- Please send black shorts and a white t-shirt to change into.
- You can bring PE kits in at the start of the week and leave them on your child's peg.