

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Friday 5th January 2018



A suggestion for capturing the best moments of 2018:

This January start the year with an empty jar. Every week add a note with a good thing that happened: an accomplishment in your child's learning, a funny conversation, a memorable day out, a description of something beautiful in nature, invitations to parties. Then, on 31st December, open the jar and read all the amazing things that happened in 2018.

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- the school that cares

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

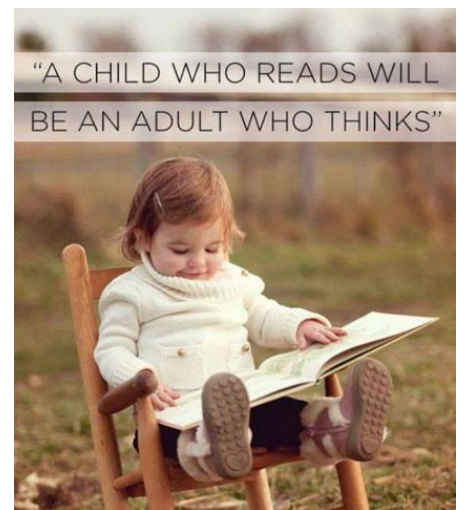
At the start of the New Year we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Noelle Grierson, from maternity leave. Noelle will teach on Thursdays and Fridays in Elm Class, with Mrs Patterson continuing to teach on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

It has also been lovely to see the children back in school and to listen to their excitement as they recall their Christmas holidays. It certainly sounds like Santa was kept very busy!

Making 2018 the Year of Reading

We will be focussing again on Reading in 2018. We are very keen to recruit a few more parents (and grandparents) to listen to children reading in the classrooms. We will provide some simple training and we can offer a range of biscuits (occasionally jammy-dodgers) to keep up the energy levels.

You don't need to commit a great deal of time to this. Just one hour a week, or every two weeks. Please let your child's teacher, the school office or Mr Samios know if you would like to give this a go.



You will really enjoy listening to children read – it is very rewarding and makes such a difference.

Clothes Recycling – *Your unwanted clothes are wanted!*

Please send in any unwanted items of clothing, shoes or bags ahead of our next collection on **23rd January**. For every **1kg** of clothes we collect the school will receive **40p**.



This is a great way to clear some space in your wardrobe, cut down on land-fill and also help to raise some money for the school.

We will let the children in each class decide how they want to use the money we raise.

You can find out more about where your unwanted clothes go here:

<https://youtu.be/n1vuJItZRZE>

Can you help our Parent Governors?

If you would like to be more involved more in the life of the school, please contact one of our Parent Governors. **If you have a skill that you could share with the children or to help around the school we are keen to hear from you.**



Rachel Fletcher

Riley (Maple Class)



Damien Sawyer

Logan (Maple Class)



Rhiannon Sheerman

Lily (Chestnut Class)

KS1 Explore Topic this Term

Coming up in Year 1 and Year 2 this term:

KS1 Term 3

Great Explorers

What does it take to survive?

Science

- S1:5 Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- S1:6 Identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal water, and rock.
- S1:7 Describe the simple, physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- S1:8 Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- S2:10 Identify and compare the uses of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, and cardboard for particular uses.
- S2:11 Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, stretching.

History

- H1 Changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life.

Art

- A1 To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
- A4 Find out about the work of craft makers and designer, making links to their own work.

Design Technology

- DT1 Design purposeful, functional, appealing products, for themselves and other users based on design criteria.
- DT2 Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups, and where appropriate, IT.
- DT4 Select and use a wide range of materials
- DT5 Explore and evaluate a range of existing products.
- DT6 Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria.
- DT10 Understand where food comes from

Please contact the school if your child is unwell and cannot attend school.

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

School telephone numbers: **(01225) 423526 & 314745**

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2 nd January	- INSET Day 3 (school closed for training)
Wednesday 3 rd January	- School Open (start of Term 3)
Monday 8 th January	- After School Clubs start this week
Tuesday 23 rd January	- Clothes Collection (Recycling)
Friday 9 th February	- <u>END OF TERM 3</u>
Monday 19 th February	- INSET Day 4 (school closed for training)
Tuesday 20 th February	- School Open (start of Term 4)
Friday 2 nd March	- World Book Day 2018
Saturday 3 rd March	- Great British Spring Clean 2018
Thursday 15 th March	- Parents' Evening (3:10pm to 5:30pm)
Monday 19 th March	- Sport Relief Week
Tuesday 20 th March	- Parents' Evening (3:10pm to 6:00pm)
Wednesday 21 st March	- Easter Celebration (9:15am)
Friday 23 rd March	- <u>End of Term 4</u>

School Term Dates for the whole academic year are on the school website:

<http://www.twerton-infant-school.co.uk/cms3/drupal-6.24/?q=node/101>

Twitter Pages

Parents can now keep up to date with learning activities by following the class Twitter feeds:



Ash Tree Class

https://twitter.com/ashclass_TIS



Elm Tree Class

https://twitter.com/elmclass_TIS



Oak Tree Class

https://twitter.com/oak_TIS



Owls Nursery

<https://twitter.com/NurseryOwls>



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