

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Friday 12th January 2018



In assemblies this term, we are exploring and celebrating the virtues of **Bravery** and **Service**.

This week, we remembered **Martin Luther King** and the courageous stand he made in America, 50 years ago, against racism and inequality.

We also remembered the brave women of the **Suffragette** movement, 100 years ago, who against considerable and hostile opposition, challenged inequality leading to better rights for women and the right to vote.

#ExcelAtTwertonWithCourage



Excel at Twerton
- the school that cares

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the very best things that you can do with your child is to read with them at home. More than anything else, this will set your child up to be successful in school and beyond.

FACT: Research shows that the **biggest positive factor** in children learning to read confidently is having a **parent** who helps them to **read at home**.

FACT: **Reading for pleasure** is more likely to determine whether a **child succeeds** at school than their social or economic background.

What the **school** will do:

Every day

- provide an environment rich in **language** (stories, songs, rhymes, role play, questioning and conversations);
- teach your child **Phonics**, so they can recognise the sounds that letters (and combinations of letters) represent;
- provide at least one **Storytime**, when a book is read to the whole class;
- provide **reading books** for your child to take home.



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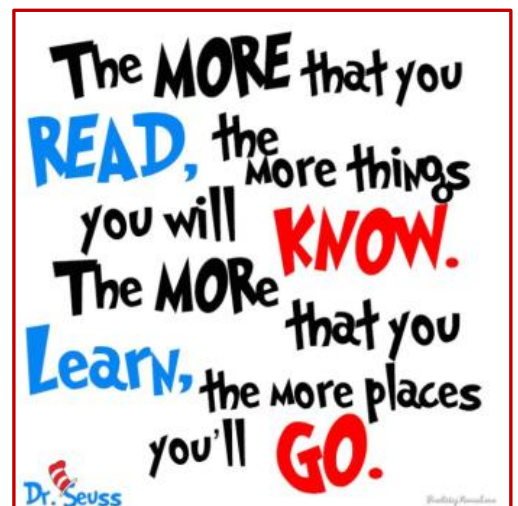
- the teacher, or teaching assistant, will **listen** to your child read (1:1), for between 5 and 10 minutes, often twice a week;
- your child will take part in **Guided Reading** with the teacher or TA. This is when a small group of children read the same book together and answer questions with an adult leading the group;
- your child can **change their reading books** as often as required (at least 3 times a week and in some cases every day);

What we expect **parents** to do:

- **spend a minimum of 5 minutes listening to their child read at home at least 3 times a week;**

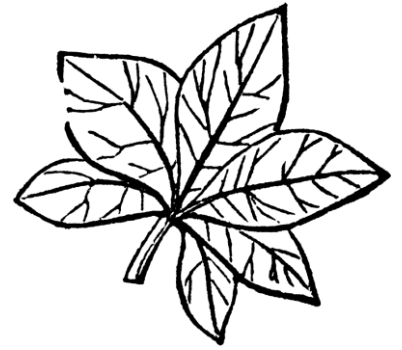
We want to support all parents to read at home so please do **ask if we can help** in any way.

Teachers and TAs are always happy to answer any questions and help you with any problems with reading at home.



#ExcelAtReading

LEAVES



The following children were awarded Leaves recently:

Ash Class (YR)

- **Isaac** – for some amazing letter formation and practising lots at home;
- **Sebastian** – for superb work in Phonics and brilliant letter formation.

Elm Class (YR/Y1)

- **Simeon** – for writing excellent sentences about the Naughty Bus;
- **Liam** – for doing lots of hard work over the Christmas holidays.

Oak Class (Y1)

- **Jenson** – for working hard in Explore Time to think of some interesting things we could learn this term;
- **Sonny** – for always having such a positive attitude to learning.

Maple Class (Y2)

- **Kenzie** – for focusing on her learning and coming up with good ideas;
- **Dexter** – for being hardworking, kind and thoughtful.

Chestnut Class (Y2)

- **Rimas** – for some excellent work in Mathematics;
- **Cody** – for having such a positive attitude to school.

Well done to you all. We are really proud of you all!

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>

Dates for your Diary

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| 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 |
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| 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>

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**



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