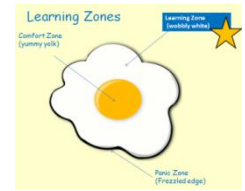


Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

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The growth mindsets just keep on growing!

We are delighted to see that children, teachers and parents are continuing to grow their growth mindsets. Do keep talking to your children about their mindset moments and encourage them to embrace their mistakes.

Would you like to get involved?

We are looking forward to our summer themed week which will be based around aspirations. If you would like to take part in the week and come in and talk about your job to groups of children and help us inspire them and nurture their aspirations, please do let Mrs Thomas or Miss Short know. Look out for further details in our next newsletter.

Mathletics and TTRockstars

Children should have a Mathletics username and password. We encourage them to use this regularly as it is a fun and engaging way for them to practise their maths learning. For Years 3-6, this log on information can also log them on to TTRockstars which is a website we subscribe to, to help them practise their times tables. Please encourage your child to interact with these as much as possible. A Key Stage 2 club is run by Mrs Thomas on Thursday for children who wish to access these programs during school time.



Library

We are delighted to see so many children and parents using the library. Just a reminder that it is open on a Monday 3.15-4.00pm and Wednesday 8.15-8.45 where Mrs Butcher and Miss Legg are on hand to offer help choosing books and assistance with scanning books both out and in of the library.

Children and staff are feeling very excited at the moment as we watch the library wall slowly transforming into an array of quotes and scenes from our favourite books. Please do come in and visit and see the transformation for yourselves.

Home connect for Key Stage 2- have you registered yet?

Parents in Key Stage 2 can now monitor their children's progress in their accelerated reading quizzes by signing in at home and also linking their children's account to their email address. As you can see below, some of you have already signed on and are hopefully enjoying the benefits of this great resource. If you haven't already registered, please do so by following the information which was sent home before half term or the guide on our website. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to pop in and see Mrs Thomas at parents evening or before and she will set you up your account in just 2 minutes!

Class	Number of parents who have logged in	Number of parents who have registered emails
3	6	2
4	8	6
5	6	5
6	10	8



Fun with Food

Last half term we had lots of fun working with reception children and their parents during our fun with food workshops. We gave out lots of ideas about how to develop children's fine motor skills and develop numeracy and literacy skills through having fun with food! This term we are looking forward to working with some of our Year 1 children.

Reading ages are going up, up up!

Year group	Number of children making 6 months or more progress in reading age
3	20
4	26
5	18
6	20



Children are busy taking quizzes and seeing if they can be in the 100% club with a chance to go to lunch early for a whole week. So far, we have seen huge progress in reading across Key Stage 2 with many children exceeding the expected target of 6 months progress in reading age. Please encourage your child

to keep reading and help us drive their progress forwards by monitoring their achievements in their quizzes and asking them questions when you are hearing them read.

Travelling Books book fair



During parents evening, we will have books from the travelling book fair where there will be over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from. Prices of the books start from only £2.99. This is a fantastic opportunity to browse through current and up to date titles and inspire your child to get reading! As a bonus- every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!



Parents evening

During parents evening, we will both be available to give tips and advice on how to help your child at home with their learning and to find out about accelerated reading and TTRockstars. If you missed any of our workshops, we will have all hand outs available for you to take away. We will also be asking you to tell us what you have thought about the workshops, the support we have provided to you and your children and asking for ideas and suggestions about what we can do next to help. **Remember: we rely on your feedback to grow and improve. Come and see us and let us know what you think.**

Workshops for this term:

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
Thurs 2 nd March Thurs 9 th March Thurs 16 th March Thurs 23 rd March	1:15pm- 3.15pm	Inspire to write HAFLS 4 week course A free course designed to give you time to work with your child to help them develop their literacy skills. Still places available!	Years 3-6
Tuesday 28 th March	2.00pm Repeated 6.30pm	Supporting your child with English as an Additional Language. Come and meet our specialist TA and find out ways to support your child in reading, writing and maths. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to get advice	Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2

Please remember you can always contact us through the school office, our feedback box, the website or drop in in the morning or straight after school. We are here to help in any way we can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Short and Mrs Thomas

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