

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

It's lovely to see the children all raring to go as we start 2018!

Next week in English we will be reading a story by Malala Yousafzai called Malala's Magic Pencil. She has written her story for young children which tells us of how, when she was young, she wished for a magic pencil to make the world a better place. As she got older, her right to go to school was threatened because she was a girl. It tells how she picked up her real pencil and told her story and her wishes started to come true. It does not mention that she was shot, but only that the 'powerful men failed to silence me'. However this may be something you wish to discuss with your children, as during the term and our work on the book, this may come up.

Our topic is 'Survivor' and as well as exploring lots of science and investigating and testing materials, I hope that Malala's survivor story will be inspirational for the children. In Maths we will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Then moving on to division as sharing. The children in Year 2 need to be increasingly fluent in these tables (including x3) and hopefully you are accessing Times Table Rock Stars to learn these in a fun way at home.

Please send in any PE kits that haven't yet come back.

If you are able to come to the library on Tuesday for our first trip of the year, please let me know on Monday.

Homework and spellings will both be sent home this weekend.

Have a lovely weekend,

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