



Friday 3rd February 2023

Reading Update

This term, our focus is to improve our children's ability to read fluently. At the end of Key Stage 1, a child should be expected to read at 90 words a minute to be considered a fluent reader. Our teachers have been taking part in an activity with some children called "echo reading" to help them read more fluently. In "echo reading", the child listens to the adult read the text aloud before reading it themselves. This helps the child to recognise any unfamiliar words and develop their expression. Over time, this should help the child to increase the number of words that they can read in one minute. If you want to help your child to read fluently at home and you need more information about "echo reading", please speak to your child's class teacher.

Word of the Month

We must encourage our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in February:

- Year 1 - haul
- Year 2 - epic
- Year 3 - jubilant
- Year 4 - refuge
- Year 5 - exquisite
- Year 6 - uninhabited

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Waterton's Got Talent

Well done to all of the children who recently auditioned for Waterton's Got Talent. I know Miss Lancaster found it hard to choose the children who will represent the school at the show later this year. The children who were successful in their audition will now practise a new routine in preparation for the show. I look forward to watching their progress over the coming weeks.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 5 and 6 for having an attendance of more than 96%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
82.8%	90%	88%	93.3%	90%	96.7%	96.5%	91%

Year 6

Next week, the children will be doing their practice SAT tests. Please make sure your child comes to school every day because their practice tests will prepare them for the tests they take in May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

