

YEAR TWO

Welcome back for Summer Term

Welcome back to everyone from the Year 2 team. We hope everyone has had a lovely, *and chocolate egg infused*. Easter break! We hope the children are eager to come back for a fun-filled summer term! We have a very exciting term ahead of us as we are going to be exploring the vibrant country of Kenya. We will then be venturing back in time to explore why mining is so important to Spennymoor and our school. Mrs Sheldon, Mr Hamilton, Miss Graver, and I cannot wait for our last term with this lovely class!

KENYA

During this summer term, we will be exploring the amazing country- Kenya. During this geography topic, we will be finding out where Kenya is on the world map and how far away it is from us in England. We will be exploring the fabulous landscapes, rivers, lakes and savannahs in Kenya. If you have any artefacts, pictures, photographs of Kenya at home please could you send a photograph of them through our class email so we can discuss them in class.

MINING

After the half term, in History we will be finding out why mining is so important to our school heritage and how it played a part in Spennymoor today! For this local history topic, if you have any mining books, mining lamps, mining artefacts at home please could you let me know through our class email. If possible, it would be lovely for the children to see these artefacts in person. Please let me know if we could borrow your artefacts in class for a little while!

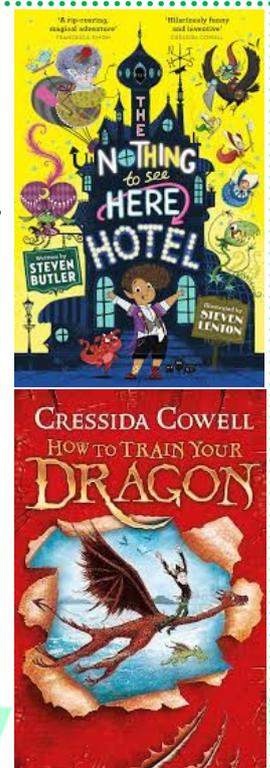
This terms novels

Our novel for this half term is 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler.

A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin messenger arrives at *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest.

After the half term, our novel will be 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

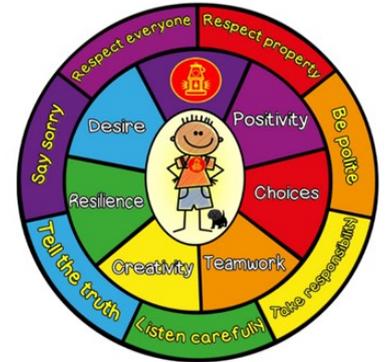
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III is a truly extraordinary Viking hero known throughout Vikingdom as "the Dragon Whisperer"...but it wasn't always so. Travel back to the days when the mighty warrior was just a boy, the quiet and thoughtful son of the Chief of the Hairy Hooligans. Can Hiccup capture a dragon and train it without being torn limb from limb? Join the adventure as the small boy finds a better way to train his dragon and become a hero!



HAPPY AND DOC

OUR READING POINTS— Reading points are given out in class for excellent reading in class and home reading. If your child manages to read 4 or more times in a week they can add a token to Doc's reading jar which (once full) we can exchange for new books in our reading corner. Please encourage your child to reading at home on a regular basis. Reading can include anything— phonics books, books from home or our class reading corner, magazines, comics- anything that your child finds exciting to read! Super reading will result in your child bringing home Doc, our Reading Dwarf.

OUR INDEPENDENCE POINTS— All of our independence points are centred around our Tudhoe Colliery behaviour wheel. Points will be given to your child when they demonstrate behaviours from the centre of the wheel. Independence points will result in your child bringing home Happy, our Independence Dwarf.



PE

PE lessons will remain on a Tuesday and be outdoors. Please make sure that your child is wearing the appropriate PE kit when they come into school on Fridays. As the weather gets warmer, if you want your child to wear sun cream, it must be put in their bag daily and they must be able to put it on themselves in school.

WATER BOTTLES

With the weather (hopefully) warming up, we would like to encourage children to bring in their own water bottle (with their name on) which they can keep in the classroom. Children must remember to take these bottles home at the end of the day.

School Uniform

Just as a quick reminder- please ensure children's names are on all of their property and school uniform within school, especially with the warm weather coming up and jumpers being removed in class. This is the easiest way find the owner if an item is left behind. Thank you!

Show and Tell

As the children already know, our show and tell afternoon is on a Thursday. Children can bring in something to show on this day. We ask that these things are only things of significance (i.e. no toys!) Or, if your child has something they would like to talk about you could you send a photo of it through our class email. Show and tell should be something which has been made by the child, showings from a significant event that the child has attended, some exciting news that the child would like to share or Happy or Doc pictures.

Thank You.

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