

The Federation of North and South Cowton and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools

Friday 7th January 2022

'Happy New Year!'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

What a difference a year makes! We were relieved to welcome all children back to school on Wednesday, despite the challenges the country continues to face.

To kick start the year, we decided to talk about our Federation value for this half term – 'Perseverance' and how this could help us in setting and achieving resolutions for the year ahead.

The children were very eager to share some of their own goals set for the year, as well as some of their parent's ones too!

We listened to a well known clip from the film 'Trolls' and thought about the lyrics from the songs that could be used as words of encouragement to help us to persevere with our goals for the year ahead.

["Get Back Up Again" Clip | TROLLS - YouTube](#)

A few of our favourites included:

'I'm read to take on anything'

'I'm not giving up today'

'If something goes a little wrong, you can go ahead and bring it on'

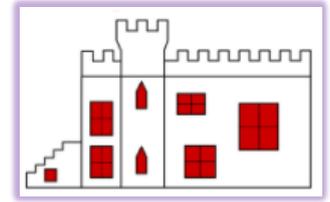
We look forward to sharing and celebrating progress towards these goals as we move through the year.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Mrs Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



Respect each other, learn from one another, move forward together.

Federation Notices and Dates

Covid Update

Household contacts or close contacts of a positive Covid case aged 5+ should do daily LFDs – these should be done before attending school each day for 7 days following close contact with a positive case. They do not need to get a PCR test unless they develop symptoms.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 38°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of recent variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and coldlike symptoms, so individuals need to be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if they are in any doubt.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping everyone as safe as possible at this time.

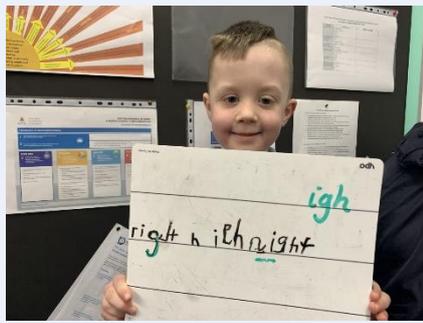




News from Melsonby

On Christmas Eve, some of the children kindly represented the school and village when singing at the Parish Council Christmas service. A big thank you to everyone that attended and to Mr Denton and Reverend Camilla for supporting the children with this.

Class 1 have been busy this week getting creative in their areas. We saw a carefully designed dress created for Mrs Davison. Very impressive!



We have also seen some impressive phonics from Class 1 with the introduction of their new early reading and phonics programme.

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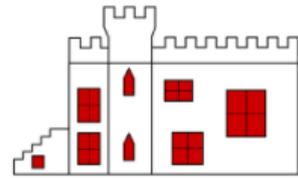
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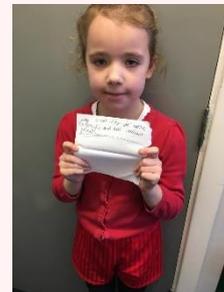
In class 1 this week, children have begun their new text in English, 'Oi Get off our Train' which shares some important messages about endangered animals.

The children have already shown such enthusiasm towards the text and are beginning to write their own reports about endangered animals. We look forward to seeing these over the coming weeks.

Class 2 continued their discussion about setting goals for the year ahead and how they could persevere to achieve them. Some of their goals are set out below.

Taylor – *'To perform a backflip in gymnastics'*

Mia - *'To eat healthier foods and do more exercise'*



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