Happy new year to all of you lovely people!

The Spring term brings all sorts of lovely things to our EYFS curriculum but, along with those lovely things, also comes homework. I have selected some tasks that I believe are the best things you could ever do with your child at this age, and that is sharing books, talking about books and generally loving books together.

Our topics this half term are winter and animals from different countries, and our Literacy lessons will reflect on this (animals in particular). We will be looking at fiction, information books and poetry.

The homework will be as follows:

Week 1 and 2

To find and share a fiction book about an animal/s. Discuss the pictures, the words, predict what might happen next, chat about favourite characters and the meaning of certain words. When you have found your favourite then bring it in to school to share it with the rest of the class.

Extension task (optional): Write a sentence (and draw a picture) to explain why this book is your favourite.

Due in: throughout the week commencing 6th and 13th January.

Week 3 and 4

As above, including the optional extension task, but this time with an information text.

Due in: throughout the week commencing 20th and 27th January

Week 5 and 6

As above, including the optional extension task, but this time with a poem or a whole book of poems.

Due in: throughout the weeks commencing 3rd and 10th February

If you haven’t joined the library yet then this may be a good opportunity to do so.

**Dersingham library open times are as follows:**

Monday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm)

Tuesday: 8am-7pm (Open Libraries access only)

Wednesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 10am-7pm)

Thursday: 8am-7pm (staffed 10am-7pm)

Friday: 8am-7pm (Open Libraries access only)

Saturday: 8am-4pm (staffed 10am-4pm)

Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Libraries access only)

**Gaywood library open times are as follows:**

Monday: 10am-5pm

Tuesday: 10am-5pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 9.30am-5pm

Sunday: 10am-1pm

You can register for open library access online (access to library when there are no staff on duty).

If you would like to tackle maths related work with your child then here are some websites I would recommend:

<https://nrich.maths.org/early-years>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>

If anyone needs any advice on the cursive style of handwriting or with phonics then please do pop into the office and arrange a time to speak to either Mrs Berry or myself or catch us in the playground to arrange a suitable time.