Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, parents and children, for making me feel so welcome and at home in my first term at Sandringham & West Newton. The class worked exceptionally hard throughout the whole term and I hope they are all very proud of their achievements. Heading into the spring term, we have lots of interesting topics to study, which I hope will continue to fire their enthusiasm!

Our whole class text will be Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. This links with our history topic, Stone Age to Iron Age and our first science topic of the term, Living Things & Their Habitats. After half term the science topic will be Light and throughout the term, the children will continue with their longitudinal study measuring their height and completing the appropriate data.

In PSHE the class will look at getting on & falling out with friends and French will cover shopping. RE has a Christianity based theme and our Christian Values for the term are Courage and Justice. Art and DT have links to our history learning.

In Maths, we will be working with the children to consolidate their learning from last term through reasoning and problem-solving. This requires the children to apply their knowledge to range of different contexts.

Forest Schools and PE continues to be on alternate Thursday afternoons and homework will be set on a Tuesday to hand in on the following Monday. Please feel free to come and see us if there is a question about the homework. The children will be tested on their spellings every Friday along with completing a reading comprehension. They will also be attempting speed reading challenges in order to quicken their reading and the speed in which they can answer questions based on a text.

There was a big improvement in Tackling Tables scores throughout the term and it would be great to see that continue as it underpins and supports all areas of the children’s learning in maths. Children have a log-in to the Tackling Tables App and are welcome to log-in and practice any time.

Do not hesitate to come in and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

With best wishes,

Mrs Brice and Miss Leftley