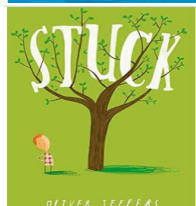
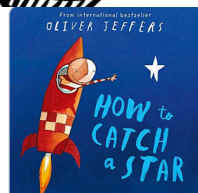
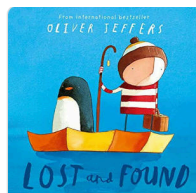
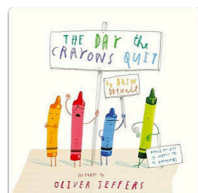


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This half term marks a very significant date for the village of Micklefield as we commemorate 125 years since the pit disaster. As the older children learn about this, we in the Family Unit will be focusing on learning about Micklefield and looking back in time at the profession of coal mining and its relevance to the village.

If any of your families have links to the coal mine we'd be really interested to speak to them! Further details about the memorial event can be found on our website.

Our literacy focus this half term will be some of the fabulous stories written by Oliver Jeffers such as 'How to Catch a Star', 'Lost and Found' and 'Stuck' as well as 'The Day the Crayons Quit' which he illustrated. These books are great for sparking the children's imaginations and will inspire some of our own stories and writing.



Dates:

30th April Pit Disaster Memorial Service

3rd May Bank Holiday

29th May Half Term

7th June Back to school



Reminders...

Picking up & times

- Please let a member of staff know if someone different will be picking your child up.
- We open at 8.35am, morning children finish at 11.35, afternoon children arrive at 12.05 and we finish at 3.05pm (unless you have a sibling in another class who finishes at a later time).

Reading Books

- For those Reception children who are bringing home reading books, please help your child to make progress and enjoy reading by listening to them read as often as you can. The more often you can read with your child, the more fluent they will become and the easier they will find all aspects of their learning. Please record reading at home in your child's Reading Diary.

Please bring your child's reading folder into school every day as we use the books in our daily guided and individual reading sessions.

Clothing & the weather!

- Please send your child with a coat even if the weather forecast is good. At the moment, the weather is still very changeable and we often get a strong wind through our outdoor area which drops the temperature.
- Please ensure you have put sun cream on your child on relevant days before they come to school. If your child is with us all day, please send your child's sun cream labelled in their bag so they can re-apply with our help if necessary. Sunhats should also be worn on very sunny days.
- Please provide a spare set of clothes (including socks and shoes) in a bag which can be left on your child's peg until needed.
- PE for our 3/4-year-old nursery children and reception children is on a Wednesday. They may come in a PE kit/ tracksuit if they would like. We may be on the field if the weather allows so please wear appropriate shoes!

Keep in touch!

- Have you checked Tapestry recently? Please upload pictures of trips you go on, family you see and activities your child is currently enjoying or books they like reading. This really helps us plan activities and choose resources for the classroom that we know will tie in to the children's interests and the children LOVE telling us about photographs shared from home which really helps their communication skills.

And finally...

- **For those Nursery Children who will be starting Reception with us in September please let Mrs Gillatt know that you would like to accept your place. For those who applied after the January deadline, all places should be confirmed by the end of May.**