

As this is the first Newsletter of 2020 may I please take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and determination to be and do the best they can. This term will see the introduction of reading target cards (Thanks Ms Boyes), self quizzing for Year 5/6 (led by Ms Parkhouse) and a trip to the SS Great Britain for Year 2—what an exciting term. Class assemblies are planned for the term on Wednesdays-please try to attend as the pupils love sharing their successes with you and it is a great opportunity to see how well they are all learning in school. Trips to 'The Meadows' will continue for some pupils with Mrs Coggins as the elderly love meeting up with our pupils to garden. Attendance was not hitting our target 96% last term so please ensure your children are in school all day, every day as attendance procedures will be implemented with Ms Parkhouse.

### Aspiration

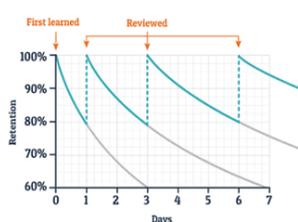
In year 5 and 6 this term we have introduced 'self-quizzing'. This is teaching the children the skills they need to learn new information, retain knowledge and become more independent with their own learning.

The children have been brilliant completing their home learning and produced an assembly to share this with their parents. The pride the children have shown in their 'planners' is commendable and, has once again, demonstrated that pupils at Tyndale want to learn and are keen and enthusiastic to gain more knowledge.

Fantastic work Year 5 and 6-Keep it up!

#### Why Self Quizzing? - What does the research say?

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



Reviewing notes in detail following each lesson, or at minimum sometime during the day before they go to bed, will greatly increase their ability to recall what they've learned.

At the end of nine weeks, pupils who reviewed their notes within a day recalled about 75% of what they'd been taught.

Pupils who did not review their notes following class were not able to recall even 50% of the information covered during the lesson after one day, and only slightly more than 20% of the information nine weeks later.

Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve Explained  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCsQHe-NpaM>  
How memories form - useful when thinking about engaging lessons  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOgAbkJKrTA>

### Success

Our enrichment afternoons are continuing with great success. On a Tuesday afternoon (KS1) and a Friday afternoon (KS2) the children come 'off timetable' and participate in wider learning opportunities. These always consist of a sporting activity, key stage choir and this term is also including 'cultural studies'. This is being led by Mrs Matthews after a visit from the Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement lead from the local authority.

During the visit we considered how to celebrate the diversity of backgrounds we have at Tyndale and how to broaden the knowledge and experiences of the pupils using the wider world.

We have devised a Tyndale 'passport' where each week pupils will learn facts and information about a range of countries and also experience some of their culture through a variety of ways- dance, art, language and cookery.

The pupils have been really engaged in these activities and have already started to recognise flags and the cultural heritage of some countries. Thank you Mrs Matthews for your hard work leading on this.

**Please note that from Monday 20th January, the office will no longer be able to receive any cash payments. Please use the parent pay online system.**

### Think Before You Park

Unfortunately, I have had a complaint this week from the local residents about parent parking. Please consider the school's neighbours and park with care and consideration. The school car park is unavailable to parents in order to keep children safe - which I'm sure you will agree is of the highest priority. This means using residential roads around the site. Please be aware that the community police have been notified and any illegal or dangerous parking may be picked up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Nurture

On Monday 20th January, we will be having an assembly all about saving energy. This has been provided by Tesco and funded by their 'Bag for Life' scheme. After school, they will have a stall outside of school reminding us all how to save energy in order to reduce costs and also help us to promote a greener planet. Please ask your children what they have learned and see what you can do to improve your energy efficiency at home.

