

# Homework –

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Mrs Kidd



Dear Parent/Carer

I really like the sign at the top of the page because it reminds me of where the name of this cold winter month, **January** originated. This month is named after a Roman God called Janus. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since **he looks to the future and to the past**. It is really important in the New Year to look to the future, and I hope that all of us will feel positive for our children as they make their journey through school.

My class and I have been preparing to write a piece of narrative in the style of CS Lewis (author of **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** which they read before Christmas) and we have also been reading **The Boy in the Dress** (David Walliams) as a companion piece. The Boy in the Dress, is about a boy who comes from a sad home where his mum has left and where there is little love demonstrated. This boy realises he likes wearing dresses and fools both friends and school by pretending to be a French girl. When his headteacher finds out, he expels him, and when his father finds out he is disgusted with him. However, by the time the book ends, the father is completely proud of his son saying, **“I’m his dad and I couldn’t be prouder.”**

It strikes me that one of the best things we can do, is to stay positive about our children at all times – of course, we have to address problems if they arrive, but positivity is the best fertiliser for helping our children to grow into fine young adults ☺. To that end, I would like parents this week to use the reply box at the bottom of the page to try to write **what makes you proud of your child**. I have given some thought to this myself and I know it is not an easy task to distil these ideas and put them on a page... my twenty-year-old causes me worry a lot of the time and drives me crackers when she refuses to be tidy, leaves the washing up not done and gets cross with me when she’s tired, but when I think about how hard she works to achieve her ambitions, I melt and realise that I am really proud of her for that reason.

Anyway, it would be interesting and useful for us to know what makes you feel proud of your child – and it might be nice for your child to know that as well ☺.

What makes me proud of my child:
Signed:

**Please make sure that your child’s medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.**