

Reception Spring 1 Term Topic Letter

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and thank you for all the lovely gifts and messages we received at Christmas, they were very much appreciated!

This term's topics are:

Nursery Rhymes/Traditional Tales

We will look at, listen to and discover many different nursery rhymes and traditional tales such as 'The Gingerbread Man' (repeating phrases) 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Chicken Licken' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will retell the stories in different ways using puppets and role play. We will also look at the history of books and how the characters and setting have changed over time. We will even become film makers, filming little plays the children will act out using their ICT skills. Also in ICT, the children will be looking at how familiar books can be found on the computer (Oxford Owl website has free books: I gave the link out on class Dojo)

Maths

In our number work we will be:

- Saying number names in order to 50 then 100
- Recognising the passing of time, day/ night
- Weighing and measuring
- Doubling numbers to 10
- Ordering numbers to 20
- Counting reliably up to 10 objects and beyond
- Relating addition by combining two groups
- Learning number bonds to 10 then 20 (ie 5+5,6+4)
- Finding one more or one less than a number from 1-20
- Looking at pattern and direction

Phonics

This half term we are all revisiting our set 1 sounds and some children will be starting set 2 sounds in a few weeks. Set 1 are all the sounds we sent home during the first half term and set 2 are digraphs which we will send home weekly for your information as they are taught (ay, ee, igh ,ow, oo, etc.) The children are now blending sounds to read words, therefore we will start working on the comprehension of reading so the children will enjoy its pleasures. In school they are reading RWI story books or Ditty Books. Please continue this support at home as this will benefit your child enormously.

At the creative table we will explore different media like clay and Modroc and the wonders of PVA glue in joining and combining different materials. Painting and mixing colours is on offer to the children most days.

We will continue our Forest Skills activities on a Thursday afternoon. This is very much led by the children and a programme will develop over the weeks using the Winter wilderness as a starter. Outside we will be observing changes in the environment looking at the weather and through this Spring term looking for new growth.

In R.E we will be looking at what makes us a good helper to friends, teachers and family.

In P.E the children will be using the big apparatus and following a sequence of multiskills programmes from Pennine Sports.

In PSHCE we are looking at new beginnings and continually working on understanding our feelings and those of others.

Finally, we will continue with the music sessions from the Charanga Kirkless scheme.

Other useful information

Miss Boyle will be joining our Reception team for 8 weeks. She is from Huddersfield University and in her second year of the teaching course. She has already been in school meeting the children so she will be a familiar face for them.

19th January 3.30-5pm - please support our chocolate bingo event. Money raised will go towards improving our outdoor area.

P.E -Thursdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has their named P.E kit in school on these days.

Reading books – Reading books will be changed once a week on a Wednesday. Please record when you read with your child at home in their reading diaries, and have these at school daily, along with reading books and book bags. Please continue listening to your child read every day if possible. Little and often, and continue to read to them.

Water bottles – Please can you ensure your child brings their bottle to school each day, thank you.

Homework: Maths – IXL weekly, reading and have fun completing the homework book tasks (details later).

Baking money- We politely ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 for the spring term.

A big thank you to all those parents who have given up time to help out in school and we look forward to welcoming some new Mums/Grandma's to help the children especially listening to them read. Your help is really valued. If you would like to help in school just come and see one of us.

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please feel free to pop in for a chat, preferably afterschool when more time would be available, or email the office to arrange a time convenient to yourself.

Parents evening - 12th 13th February

Thank you for you continued support.

Mrs Oddy, Mrs Hemingway, Miss Boyle and Miss Watkin