

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!

Nursery Rhymes/ Traditional Tales

We are going to look at, listen and discover many different nursery rhymes and traditional tales such as: 'The Gingerbread Man' (repeating phases) 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and The Three bears' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will retell the stories in many different ways using puppets and role play. Children will also look at the history of books and how the characters and setting have changed over time, even becoming film makers by filming short plays they will act out (using their ICT skills).

At the creative table we will explore different media like clay and paper mache and the wonders of PVA glue, joining and combining different materials. Painting and colour mixing are always on offer for the children most days.

We are continuing our Forest Skills activities on Thursday afternoons. This is very child led and a programme will develop over the weeks using the 'Winter Wilderness' as a starter. Outside we will be observing changes in the environment by looking at the weather and eventually looking for new growth. In R.E/PSHE we will be looking at what makes us good helpers and kind friends. In P.E the children will be using the big apparatus and following a dance programme. Finally we will continue with the music sessions from the Charanga Kirklees scheme.

Maths

In our Number work we are working at:

- Saying number names in order to 50 then 100
- Recognising the passing of time day/ night
- Weighing and measuring up to three objects
- Doubling numbers to 10
- Ordering numbers 20 forwards and backwards plus finding the missing numbers
- Counting reliably up to 10 objects and beyond
- Relating addition by combining two groups
- Number bonds to 10 then 20 (5+5 6+4)
- Find one more or less than a number from 1-20
- Patterns 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 diagraphs which we will send home weekly for your information (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, etc.) The children are now blending sounds to read words, therefore we are now working on the comprehension of reading. In school they are reading RWI story books or Ditty Books. **Please continue this support at home with reading/blending CVC words as this benefits your child enormously. Please record this in the reading diary once a week.**

Other useful information

P.E -Thursday and Friday. 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 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.

Maths Homework will be Schofield and Sims maths books or IXL Math's homework and will be given out each week. The IXL can be completed on a tablet, ipad or computer (passwords are in the front of your child's reading diary).

The section of IXL will be highlighted in yellow for them to complete every other week. Your child does not have to get to 100% on every section. 70% complete is fine. I can check who is using the system, so if you have any problems logging on we are here to help.

Baking money- **If you have not already ready done so we kindly ask for a donation towards this activity.**

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 parents/grandparents/family members 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 after school when more time would be available, or email me at emma.oddy@netherthongprimary.co.uk to arrange a time convenient to yourself.

Important dates

Phonics meeting at 3pm-3.15pm on 22nd January covering the next steps to reading and writing.

Parents' evening - 11th Feb 3.30-8pm & 12th Feb 3.30-5 pm February.

Thank you for you continued support. Mrs Oddy, Mrs Hemingway, and Miss Watkins