



8th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. It is lovely to see the children back in school so happy and keen to learn. Thank you so much for all the lovely thoughtful cards, gifts and vouchers that we received at Christmas. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.

The topic for this half term is **Fairy Stories**, each week we will be basing our learning around a different story.

Week Beginning 5th January – The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Week Beginning 12th January – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week Beginning 19th January – Jack and the beanstalk and castles.

Week Beginning 26th January – The Little Red Hen

Week Beginning 2nd February – The Gingerbread man.

Week Beginning 9th February – The Lunar New Year

Things to Remember

- Please arrive at school on time between 8:40 and 8:50am at the latest, to enable us to begin our learning as soon as possible.
- Remember to bring your child's reading bag to school **every day**. The children may be reading or having books changed on different days of the week. Please always keep reading books in their book bags.
- Reading is a partnership between school and home, it is important that children **read for a short amount of time every evening**, this can be their Ditty sheet or reading book: (Red 1, Red 2 or Red 3 books.)
- If your child has read their storybook and you wish to swap it, then this can be done at home time; please write the title of the book in their diary. (Storybooks will be outside in a red box)
- The **RWI books**, will be changed weekly in class.
- It is a school **requirement that children read 4 times a week**, it only needs to be for **5 minutes**. A comment once a week on their progress is useful, but on the other occasions, a signature will suffice.

Five minutes, four days - progress will be made!

- We will be doing **P.E.** every **Thursday**. This term our theme is gymnastics. Please ensure that your child comes to school in suitable P.E. clothes each Thursday, P.E. kits **must be** school uniform – white t-shirt, navy jogging bottoms / leggings / shorts, dark hoodie.

Important Dates:

Week commencing 9th February - All children to bring in two **small** boxes to make a dragon, one for the head and one for the body e.g. a cereal box and a smaller box, egg boxes are also useful.

4 small boxes or tubes, for the legs.

Please turn the boxes inside out and masking tape together so that they can be painted. Do not fasten the boxes together to make the dragon, they will do this at school.



Friday 13th February is an Inset Day

Half Term - Monday 16th February until Friday 20th February .

Thank you all for your continuous support.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are always here to talk to after school.

Kind regards,

Reception Staff.