



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 of 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 3rd January – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week Beginning 10th January – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week Beginning 17th January – The Gingerbread Man

Week Beginning 24th January – Little Red Hen

Week Beginning 31st January - Chinese New Year

Week Beginning 7th February - The Three Billy Goats Gruff

In **Literacy** we have acted out and learnt off by heart the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We will be writing out what the characters say in the story.

We will be sequencing and retelling the story *The Gingerbread Man*.

The children will be retelling and writing part of the story of *Little Red Hen*.

They will also be retelling the story *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

In **Mathematics** we have been learning about heavy and light and how the balance arms work. We will be recognising and ordering numbers up to 10 and compare amounts whether they are greater, less or the same. We will be practising writing our numbers. Children will also be learning the language used in addition and subtraction and doing lots of practical problem-solving tasks. We will learn about halving and doubling.

In **R.E.** we are learning about Bible Stories. The children will learn and draw The Creation story, Noah's Ark story and we will be celebrating Chinese New Year.

In **Understanding the World** we will be learning some facts about real bears.

We will be learn what conditions are needed to grow grass.

We will be observing changes in substances through making porridge, baking bread and gingerbread.

We will be doing **P.E.** every Friday. This term our theme is gymnastics. Please ensure that your child comes to school in suitable P.E clothes each Friday.

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 reading folder to school every day. The children may be reading on different days, the usual day is Wednesday. Please always keep reading books in their wallets. We have had several books lost and now have incomplete sets which makes it very difficult for us.
- Please spend a short time each evening practising Worm Words and phonic books, including the two letter graphemes and phonemes. Make sure your child is saying the phoneme and only saying the hand writing rhyme when they are actually writing.
- Once your child can read the Worm Words, they can practise writing them in a sentence.
- Practise correct letter formation, remember to begin each letter at the top, except d and e. Say the rhyme in the book to ensure that they go in the correct direction. Ensure that your child is holding their pencil correctly at all times, remind them about froggy legs!
- Please hear your child read for just 5 mins every night. Please make a brief comment in your child's diary when you have heard them read. We will not change books if they have not been read at home.
- **Five minutes, five days - progress will be made!**
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Events

Chinese New Year Party (Children to wear red or gold) - Thursday 3rd February

Half Term - Monday 14th February until Friday 18th February

Thank you all for all of your support.

Kind regards,

Foundation Team.