



7th January 2025

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 6th January – The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Week Beginning 13th January – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week Beginning 20th January – Jack and the beanstalk and castles.

Week Beginning 27th January – Lunar New Year

Week Beginning 3rd February – The Little Red Hen

Week Beginning 10th February – The Gingerbread man.

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: (Lilac, 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**, once we start them 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 **Tuesday**. This term our theme is gymnastics. Please ensure that your child comes to school in suitable P.E. clothes each Tuesday. P.E. kits **must be** school uniform – white t-shirt, navy jogging bottoms / leggings / shorts, dark hoodie.

Forest School dates:

Sunshine class, Friday 10th Jan, 17th Jan, 24th Jan

Rainbow class, Friday 31st Jan, 7th Feb, 28th Feb

Children will need to bring wellies in a bag. Please **label** wellies with their name, please wear clean shoes for the classroom.

They don't need to wear uniform on their Forest School Day, they can wear comfortable, warm clothing such as jogging bottoms.

They will need **gloves, hat and a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers** are also great. Their clothes will get very muddy so please don't send any clothes that you are worried about getting dirty.

Important Dates:

Thursday 30th January - Lunar New Year Party (Children to wear red or gold)

Week commencing 10th 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.



Friday 14th February is an Inset Day

Half Term - Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February inclusive

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.