



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023 ~ Class 1 (Reception)

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Spring Term 2023, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello again,

Class One always enjoy our Monday afternoon of Traditional Tales, so we will be using 'Once Upon a Time' as our new Project theme.

We will begin by looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Maybe someone huge will be paying us a visit with their dirty footprints and we will become detectives, trying to find out where these are from. We will try to help Jack by reading some letters that he will send to us. Can he escape the Giant's Castle?

Isn't it interesting that all good stories come in 3's? We will be finding out about the 3 Little Pigs and 3 Billy Goats Gruff. As well as the Gingerbread Man, and many others, including the Chinese traditional tale, The Magic Paintbrush. Each week we will look deeply into these stories and make some stories ourselves, as well as finding out about things such as why materials are used for a purpose, how to make a bridge, recognizing that people may live in different countries and thinking about animal habitats.

We keep going with our reading and writing by remembering those letter sounds and words to help us to read and write a sentence and finding out about what we need to write a good sentence; like capital letters, full stops and spaces. In phonics, we have all the single letter sounds and consonant digraphs (sh, th, ch, ng). We will be looking at vowel digraphs to make more sounds such as long vowel sounds: ai, ee, igh, oa and oo. In reception we learn just one way to read and write these sounds (the alternatives to these will be taught in Year One.)

We will be focusing on looking at working with numbers within 10 and introducing the concepts of addition and measures including: mass, length and capacity. We will be using what we know about numbers to help us to solve measuring problems and to use the correct words for positions.

Before we know it, it will be the end of term again, so keep on with those letters, reading and numbers ... you are doing a fantastic job in helping your child have those precious skills at their fingertips.

Many thanks, Mrs Luddington and the EYFS Team 😊

Homework Update:

For homework your child will have:

- 📖 3 Reading books which will be updated on a Wednesday. One book that the child will choose to read together (Rainbow Reader) and two books which your child can decode.
- 📖 Sounds Book where we will add new sounds. We have done all the single sounds and will now be looking at two or three sounds that we put together to make another sound. These are called digraphs and trigraphs.
- 📖 Also the TRICKY WORDS, as presented on flash cards, to read as a whole word.
- 📖 Remember to look at the separate sheet to find out about our termly project towards the project gallery.

Messages:

P.E will take place on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate kit on these days.

Please bring a coat every day because we try and get out whatever the weather. Also dress warmly as the classroom is well ventilated (and can be cold at times). Wellies are also good to have when the weather needs them.

Remember we are often in our Gruffalo Wood and this type of outdoor learning can be messy. Please send your child in shoes that they can manage by themselves.

Keep looking on class dojo to see all the things we get up to which help us to learn.

Thank You

