

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term ~ Class 1~Reception

*So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2021, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...*

Hello there,

This term our focus is to be all about “Story Makers”. The children have begun learning about this using their own imaginations to make up stories which we will continue thinking about magical characters. They have chosen to learn all about different people and settings, including fairy folk, merpeople, unicorns and so on. I have some beautiful story books to help them to imagine, and it should be great fun exploring these new and far off lands.

Here are some of the curriculum areas that we will cover:

Communication and Language: talking and listening, making sure that we give the listener enough detail to understand our ideas, listening to longer stories that do not have so many pictures and using the correct tense when talking.

Personal and Social: problem solving as a team and making sure that each person is respected. Thinking about other people and having empathy for others.

English: The art of storytelling! Making up stories and being able to write these down. Thinking about basic character features, plot and description. Being able to write some of our key words correctly in our writing and of course continuing our good work with letters and sounds, spaces and full stops.

Maths: using numbers up to 20 and beyond. Making good links between number thinking: using numbers to add, subtract, double and halve amounts, as well as problem solving including money and measures. We will also look at understanding the properties and describing some 3D shapes.

Physical: knowing how to keep safe and healthy. And of course, continuing to improve our fitness and ball skills with Coach Ash.

Understanding the world: Learning about different environments, insects and animals in different habitats so that we can begin to compare environments

Creative: Creating a soundscape to go with a story. Making our own stories and experimenting with materials to make interesting pictures and artefacts.

Yours magically, Mrs Luddington

### Messages:

Stories really fire the imagination and it is what your children love.

Please run with our fantastical stories, ask them about the characters we are encountering, encouraging a child to use imagination, supports empathy and raises self-esteem.

Get them to talk about fairies, mermaids and so on that you or your family members have seen or heard about. It is great work with these vivid imaginations.

### Reminders:

This term, PE is Thursday. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit with suitable footwear.

Homework will be a mixture of: reading your book (changed on Monday and Thursday), revision of reading and writing letter sounds and key words, and little activities in line with mathematics.

We will add little learning videos onto your child's TEAMS account to supplement what we do in the classroom. Please pop any comments about home activities on Tapestry. Thank you 😊