

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2016 ~ Class 1

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Summer Term 2016, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

This term we are learning all about traditional stories (that means fairy tales to you and me). Our project team is called 'The 3 Little Helpers.' We are going to be finding out about characters from various tales and helping to solve their dilemmas. So far we have helped Jack to defeat the Giant, the Three Pigs to build houses from the best materials and have designed a new village for Alice to show the queen, because she squashed it with her big feet when she ate the little cake. We also helped the rabbit with a tea party, where we planned a healthy spread, which we prepared with scrupulous hygiene.

Our role play area is altering to suit the stories, with little pig houses and a magic beanstalk... I wonder what it will be next?

We are already finding out how to behave like princes and princesses by thinking about the Princess and the Pea. We are going to be tackling pirates and swimming with mermaids later on too. Towards the end of half term we will have a pirate and mermaid themed day, so be getting costumes ready (shorts and a t-shirt will do, as long as you 'feel' dressed up it's the main thing). Details will come to you via Dojo. Do not worry, parents aren't expected at this event, although we will be sharing some of our project findings at the end of term assembly.

Mathematically we are doing very well with addition, subtraction, problem solving and thinking of numbers beyond 20. We are reading and writing longer words where we have to blend sounds such as at the beginning of 'slug' and 'blob' and at the end of 'milk' and 'tent.' Some of us are able to write on our own, and are now writing in special 'lots of writing books,' to practise our skills. We are also beginning to join our writing especially in our names.

After half term we will be moving more to the animal style of stories with a range of traditional and modern classics. We will be looking closely at setting character and plot, how animals behave etc, and there will be an associated visit... details to come.

There will be a greater emphasis on problem solving in our outdoor learning area, this is where we do a lot of cooperating and thinking for ourselves, applying old skills and using new skills, so let's hope for some summer sunshine. Please send us already lotioned up and hatted because we go out a lot.

We will be also thinking about moving up, and we will be busy acquiring the skills needed for year one learning. Towards the end of our reception year there will be an animal based opportunity for parents to come in and share. Details to follow. Keep an eye on Dojo, you will get plenty of notice.

Mrs Luddington and Mrs Adams

Homework Update:

For homework your child will have a:

- 📖 Reading Book which they have chosen, it is lovely to hear about other books they read or listen to as well
- 📖 'Home & Away book' to find out about life and learning out of school too
- 📖 Word Bag filled with high frequency words which we check on a Friday and give out more of the top 100 useful words
- 📖 Homework Book which is collected in on a Tuesday and returned on Wednesday with bits to reinforce our learning

Remember to carry on looking at and talking about **numbers** and **letters** as you're out and about, they need to be as familiar as cats and dogs.

Messages:

Mr Rose runs his KS1 Football Club during Wednesday lunch time. If you have joined this group, please make sure you bring an extra kit and preferably old trainers.

P.E will take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school. Try to make sure that your child is wearing easy to dress clothes for their uniform on these days.

Please make sure that your child is dressed suitably for outdoor learning: coat? sunhat? We do live in Britain so try your best.

Keep looking on class dojo to see all the things we get up to which help us to learn, and also to keep in the loop.