

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term ~Class 1~Reception

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2019, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there,

This Term our focus is to be all about “Magical Places”. The children loved learning through exciting picture books last term and wanted to continue this. They have chosen to learn all about magical characters and places, including fairy folk, merpeople, unicorns and so on. So who am I to argue with this wonderful idea?

After a visit from the Easter Bunny, they have shown themselves to be very curious about other people, and love asking and answering questions. I can see lots of exciting events happening involving magical beings to keep us hooked.

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, as well as problem solving including money and measures. As well as understanding the properties and describing some 3D shapes.
- **Physical:** Knowing how to keep safe and healthy. Improving ball skills and Boccia (exciting!).
- **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 (such as our recent visitor ‘Nutmeg the Fairy’.)

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



### Reminders:

This term, PE is on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please can we have kit in school all week. We do like to get outside, so please include a warm jumper and long trousers as we never know what the weather will do.

Homework continues to be handed out on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Tuesday. Please look out for the Homework Overview in books and thank you for the super job you are doing with this.