



Reception Spring 1 parent leaflet



Our overarching theme: Once upon a time...

Our learning this half term:

This term we will be learning about traditional tales. We will be looking at the structure of stories as well as developing our language and vocabulary through storytelling.

Our whole class Phonics focus will be to consolidate the level 2 phonemes and begin learning Level 3 phonemes. We will continue to develop our letter formation and begin to write captions and sentences. We will continue to practise our decoding skills when reading words, remembering to segment the sounds and blend them together.

In Maths we will be consolidating our number knowledge of numbers up to 5, as well as exploring mass and capacity. We will be developing our understanding of numbers 6, 7 & 8 by thinking about their representations and composition. We will continue to build on our subitising skills and begin to identify odds, evens, and doubles. We will begin to explore addition by combining groups.

In P.E the children will develop their basic gymnastic skills. The children will be exploring shapes, balances, and jumps and begin to develop rocking and rolling. They will perform basic skills on both floor and apparatus and copy, create, remember and repeat short sequences.

Key dates & reminders:

- P.E for both classes will be every Friday
- Lending Library for **Starfish**: 16th & 30th January
- Lending Library for **Seahorses**: 23rd January & 6th February
- Trip to the park—Date to be confirmed
- Break up for half term: Friday 16th February
- Please could the children bring in a new spare set of clothes to stay on their pegs. We are very short of spare clothes & the outdoor area is getting increasingly muddy!
- Please name all unnamed uniform and shoes— we have a growing number of unnamed cardigans and other items in the classroom without a home!



Updates for Spring 1

P.E lessons will continue to be on Friday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers. They will stay in their PE kit for the whole day, so please ensure it is appropriate for the weather (e.g. trousers, school PE t-shirt and jacket).

Lending Library: Our Lending Library will take place every other **Tuesday** for each class starting on the **16th January** for **Starfish** class and then again on the **30th January**. **Seahorses** lending library will start on the **23rd January**, and then again on the **6th February**. Parents/carers will be invited in early from **3pm** to choose a story sack or game to take home together with your child.

Reading records: The children will be bringing home a reading record with their reading books from next week. Please use these to keep us informed of your child's reading at home.

Christmas enterprise: A huge thank you to all who purchased tree decorations and present tags— we raised an incredible £130! We will be ordering some much needed P.E equipment and games for the children to use in their P.E lessons. Thank you again!

Useful ways to support learning at home:

- Regular reading 3x weekly. Please encourage your child to read their book more than once— this will develop their sight reading, pace & fluency.
- Look out for our weekly Maths updates on your child's portfolio. Board games are a really great way of practising the skill of subitising!
- Please support your child to complete their Phonics work book each week.



If you have any spare knickers/pants/socks/ leggings/tights/polo shirts/ school trousers/ school skirts or dresses that are no longer needed at home—EYFS would be very grateful for any donations! Thank you.

Please could we encourage that all toys/ comforters are left at home unless it has been agreed by a member of the EYFS team. Many thanks