



Literacy

Our Literacy work this half term will focus on the traditional tales The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. We will start to look at the structure of stories including beginning, middle and end, story settings and characters. We will be writing our own version of these traditional tales, changing either a character or the ending of the story.

Phonics

During Read Write Inc phonics session we will continue to work on set 1 sounds with a focus on segmenting and blending words containing 'special friends'. We will start to look at the features of a sentence and start to write simple sentences using cursive letter formation. It is important to continue to practise key word booklets at home. We are starting to teach the children to use 'Fred in Head' in order to encourage reading fluency, recognising key words in reading books really helps with this.

Please can all reading books be kept in book bags every day. Please can any books at home be returned to school to ensure we have enough books to give out in school.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break! We thank you for your support during the Autumn term and are now excited to begin Spring term! We wanted to share with you some of the things we are getting up to this half term.

Numeracy

The children will now start to receive maths home learning every two weeks. The home learning will be linked to what we have been learning in class so children should be starting to apply their skills independently. Our work in numeracy this half term will include looking at:

- Understanding zero
- Comparing numbers 1-5
- Composition of numbers 4 and 5
- Comparing mass
- Capacity
- Making pairs

Learning Challenge

This half term we will be learning about the people who help us. We are hoping to have some exciting visits from the police, dentist, doctors and firefighters. We will also learn about what to do in an emergency.



This half term we will also look at Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to find out information about different cultures!



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General

As the weather is getting colder it is important that the children have a suitable warm coat in school as they are outside during the day. A reminder for names to be put in hats, scarves and gloves so they children can find their belongings easier at the end of the day. As we are now in spring term we are encouraging the children to be independent in putting coats on, using zips and putting on own hats, scarves and gloves.

We kindly ask that water bottles do not go into book bags as these can leak and cause damage to reading books and letters. The children are now independent enough to carry their book bag and water bottle separately. This will help to protect our new reading books and ensure that the children always have a suitable book to read each week at home.

A polite reminder to please keep children and their siblings off the outdoor equipment before and after school for their safety. Unfortunately, we have had lots of resources damaged and broken which impacts the children's outdoor learning.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you at parents evening.

Thank you for your continued support,
EYFS Team