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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back !

Our topic in the Reception Class this term revolves around Fairy Tales. The topic will begin with the children taking part in a 'Fairy Tale Hunt', searching for pictures of characters and objects from fairy tales in our Nature Area and then identifying which fairy tales they will be exploring this term. The children will be developing their Literacy and Numeracy skills through Fairy Tales as well as undertaking a range of Art and Craft activities.

During the first half term, we will be familiarising ourselves with the following fairy tales:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

The Three Little Pigs

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Hansel and Gretel

Little Red Riding Hood.

During the second part of the term, we will be looking at:

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Frog Prince

The Beauty and the Beast

The Ugly Duckling

The Gingerbread Man

The Magic Porridge Pot.

The following link describes how using fairy tales can impact on the development of your child – through developing skills in imagination, resilience, creativity, language skills, critical thinking, problem solving and emotional processing, to name just a few.

<https://pambarnhill.com/fairy-tales-preschool-development/>

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Our Read, Write, Inc. sessions will continue on a daily basis. The children will continue learning Set 1 or Set 2 Speed Sounds and will be reading and developing their handwriting skills every day. If your child has a RWI folder, please could they bring it into school each day – thank you for your support with this.

During our Maths sessions, we will continue to use the Numberblocks resources to support the lessons. The children will work with numbers up to one hundred. They will be taught addition and subtraction, using objects for support where appropriate. We will also be identifying and creating our own patterns. Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on 3D shapes and the children will be learning to name cubes, spheres, cuboids, cones, pyramids and cylinders as well as describe the properties of such shapes (such as number of faces and corners). The children will also explore length, height and weight, learning how to compare each of these, using direct

Our 'Library' day will continue to be every Thursday – please could you ensure that your child has their school library book every Thursday. This Library session enables the children to share their books with others and through this, the children develop their Literacy skills – prediction, re-telling, simple analysis of the story plot and discussing the characters within the story.

Our PE days continue every Thursday and Friday and children may come into school wearing their PE kit on these days. If your child is swimming this term, they may also wear their PE kit on swimming days, if you feel that this will be easier for them to manage in terms of getting changed. The swimming sessions are due to commence on Friday, 15th January and those children swimming will need their costumes, a towel and goggles – a swimming hat will be provided.

Just a reminder that your child should have a named water bottle that is carried separately to their lunchbox. Your child will need a water bottle and their mid-morning snack in their green reading folders as these are kept in the classroom (the lunchboxes are not stored in the classroom and the children do not have access to them until lunchtime).

Mrs Bugbird and I are looking forward to working with your children this term – we have lots of exciting activities planned and I hope to continue sharing the children's activities with you through the 'What's App' chat.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours sincerely,

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