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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Newsletter Autumn 1 2018

Welcome to Reception! I hope you have all had a great summer holiday with lots of fun in the sun and happy memories together. We can't wait to begin the year with our new classes. We have been busy planning for all our topics and looking at exciting activities we can do together. Let's take a look at what we have planned for the start of the Autumn term.....

What happened once upon a time?

Week 1 - 2: Induction and settling in. We will spend the first few weeks spending time getting to know the children and helping them to feel settled. During this time many assessments are undertaken to ensure the children are accessing learning that both challenges and supports their next steps.

Week 3: What made Goldilocks go into the house? We will be looking at the moral tale of Goldilocks and discussing if it was ok to go into the house.

Week 4: Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? The children will love reading this traditional tale and retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs, as we explore different building materials.

Week 5: How can we help the Little Red Hen? This week's traditional tale links in with Harvest and the children will love making bread.

Week 6: What's at the top of the beanstalk? A mysterious beanstalk has grown in our room. How did it get there? What could be at the top?

Week 7: What's that noise? A mysterious crime scene in our room can only mean one thing....The children will investigate what has 'trip-trapped' through our room.

Week 8: Reflection week: What happened once upon a time? As the term draws to an end, the children reflect on what their favourite tale is and why.

For those of you who have been in our nursery, you will know how valuable it is to sign up to your child's class Dojo. This is a fantastic way of keeping in touch with staff and for finding out what we have been up to. You will also be able to find out how many rewards your child gets each day.

We will be continuing with our successful phonics programme, which began in nursery and will build on these skills. Each week the children will work in groups receiving guided and independent reading and writing.

By the end of the third week of term, your child will bring home an appropriate reading book to share with you at home. Your child must read at least 3 times a week and the diary must be signed. The books will be monitored Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and changed if necessary.



Your child will also bring home a special work book to practice key phonics skills. The special work book contains a list of common exception words, which your child must learn to read and write, letter sounds and ideas for activities for you to work on at home. Each week you will receive a Dojo with the 'area' of phonics each group is covering and therefore you can use this to help to choose an activity from the book. The work book, along with reading, constitutes your child's home learning (formerly homework). Please complete at least one activity from the book per week to practise with your child, and record this in the diary. The completion of activities will be monitored by staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of staff.

In Reception we love to learn outside. Therefore, we suggest that you provide your child with a pair of wellies and a puddle suit that can be left in school. PE will be on a Wednesday's. Please make sure that you have sent in a clearly labelled kit consisting of white t'shirt, black/navy shorts and black pumps.

Thank you for your patience at home time well we are getting to know you all. There are a lot of new faces for us to recognise and match up to children. Safety is paramount, and while it may take us time, we would rather get it right!

Many Thanks
The Reception Team

