

Phonics



We have now taught all of the set 1 single sound in our whole class phonics lessons and the children were all assessed just before Half Term. They will now be placed into groups which match their current phonics knowledge and skills. This is to ensure maximum progress is made throughout the year.

Reading—RWI materials

Please can we encourage you to read with your child four times a week. We have a raffle ticket system in place whereby the children's names are added to a raffle draw each month in order to win a book prize. They are awarded a raffle ticket when they read with you at home four times between reading sessions with us. You do not need to record when you read your child's library book to them, or when you read your child's sharing book with them (if they have started bringing a sharing book home). We only need a record of when you have practised reading with their RWI reading resources.

Please ensure any school reading materials plus their green log are sent into school everyday so we can be flexible and read with your child any day of the week.

Write Stuff



The children are really getting to grips with how to use known letter shapes and phonic sounds to record words for writing. These are the stories we will be covering this half term:



Our topic this half term is: **Terrific Tales**



Topic learning

We will start the term with a week focussing on Autumn and Bonfire Night, then we will start our topic for this half term; Terrific Tales.

We will focus on each of these stories, one week at a time:

- Little Red Riding Hood
- The 3 Little Pigs
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Jack and the Beanstalk

We will explore the characters and setting in each story and retell the stories in different ways. Our Discovery Time learning will be linked to these stories too.

We will also learn about the Hindu festival of light, Divali and the Jewish festival of light, Hanukkah.

Finally, there will be lots of festive fun with our learning in the weeks leading up to Christmas: getting crafty, singing songs and learning about different Christmas traditions.

Library Books



A reminder that we change library books every Friday. Please only send the book in on a Friday to avoid it being damaged or lost.

Maths



This term we will start using 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet characters 1 to 5.

We will also spend time focussing on sorting objects and numbers using different criteria, looking for patterns with number and comparing sets. Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.

PE Days:



We will continue to have our PE lessons each Monday and Thursday.

- Monday: outdoors. Please ensure your child is wearing joggers or leggings on this day, especially as the weather turns.
- Thursday: Dance indoors.

RE



In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Celebrating Birthdays'. We will learn how we celebrate birthdays in our families and then move onto learning how Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

Want to help at home?

If you have any versions of traditional stories at home, please read them with your child so they can compare different versions. Can they:

- sequence the story?
- retell it using known repeated phrases?
- draw a story map?
- build the setting e.g. castle, straw house?
- tell the story using puppets?
- learn any songs about the story?