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Dear Parents/Carers,

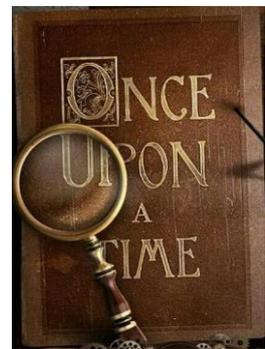
Lions and Tigers Newsletter - January 2018

Welcome back!

After an amazing start to your child's learning journey with us, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the excitement and celebrations of the festive period. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind words and sentiments expressed at the end of term. It really is a pleasure to have your children in Lions and Tigers and I hope you are as proud of their progress so far as we all are.

The children have settled back into the routines and expectations of the class really well, excited to tell us all of their holiday news.

This half term our topic will be "Once upon a Time" and is all about traditional tales. During this, we will be exploring lots of different traditional stories including Jack and the Beanstalk, Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man. The children will have lots of opportunities to retell these stories in different ways using storyboards, role play, singing and art.



Read Write Inc.

The children are progressing well with the development of their literacy skills, enjoying the routine and fun nature of the phonics scheme. Many of the children will shortly begin to bring reading materials home, this may be in the form of a book or a photocopied text. This is a great achievement and I hope you are as proud of their reading as I am. These will be sent home weekly, days will be confirmed by your child's phonics teacher. Unfortunately we are



losing a lot of books as they are not being returned, therefore we will not be able to send a book home if the old one has not been returned in its plastic wallet. Also as these books will be used by other children please do not write in them.

This is a great opportunity for you to share in your child's learning. I would suggest you only try and read a little bit at a time, going slowly to allow your child to sound out the words. As they become more familiar with the text, their fluency will improve. Once you have shared it a couple of times you could try asking questions to support their comprehension.

Please continue to enjoy reading the books available through BugClub online, their library books, and all the other books, magazines and papers which they find interesting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to me. Enjoy this opportunity to read with your child.





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Storytime will continue to be fortnightly on a Wednesdays at 2:45pm, commencing on the 10th January for the Lions and the 17th January for the Tigers.

Forest Schools

This half term on our fortnightly trips up to our forest school site, the children will be creating art using natural objects from their local environment. The children will be supported to develop their resilience and cooperative skills, working independently and as a group, to create pieces of art influenced by Richard Long and Andy Goldsworthy. Please remember to ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing, and as we will be creating works of art on the forest floor they will require waterproof trousers.



As a reminder sessions will be on Thursdays commencing 11th January for the Lions and the 18th January for the Tigers.

Important information

To help us return misplaced items to their correct owners, please ensure **ALL** items of property and clothing brought to school are **clearly labelled** with your child's full name.

Bransgore is a 'Healthy School' and as such we provide children with the option of fresh fruit at snack time each morning. If you choose to supply an alternative, I ask that it also be a healthy nutritious snack and be accompanied by a bottle of water.

Can you please ensure you book all medications into the school office as there are forms that require completing before we can give medication to your child.

Finally can we please ask that you continue to update us **daily** on the door of any changes to pick-up, especially if your child is due to go to an after school club or is going home with someone different.

Thank you so much for your continued support with your children's learning, it is a pleasure to be part of their schooling journey.

Aidan Richards
Foundation Phase Leader