



Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending some time all together. Thank you for all the lovely gifts we received before the holidays, it was very generous of you. We hope you enjoyed our class Nativity assembly, we were very proud of them all!

Topic



This term our topic is split into two parts. During the first half-term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be focusing on a variety of different fairy tale stories and exploring the characters and settings within them. This will be achieved through lots of self-initiated play and adult focused activities. After half-term our topic is child-initiated. The children have been discussing what they would like to focus on, many of them have suggested exploring different job roles. It would be great to know the variety of jobs our parents have to potentially organise special visits for the children to learn about the wide range of job roles.



We have started singing practise with Mr Servant on Friday mornings. The children are enjoying learning different songs and musical techniques. We will also be continuing PE on Thursdays with Mrs Barlow. This term the children are focusing on ball skills. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit with them in school. This should be **named clearly** in their PE bag and hanging on their peg. Please ensure that earrings are removed on Thursdays and long hair should be tied back securely every day.



The children have now all learned Set 1 of our Read Write Inc phonics scheme. We are focusing on blending these sounds together to make words, and practising writing these using the correct letter formation. Please continue to support your children at home with the sounds cards and additional activities that will be sent home in the following weeks.

In maths, we will be continuing to follow the Numicon approach which the children have loved using. We have started to look at 2D and 3D shapes. The children have enjoyed spotting the different shapes in our learning environments. Please continue to encourage the children to practise their counting and number recognition around the home and when out and about.



How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, ask and answer questions about what you have read
- **Regularly practising of phonics sounds** and encouraging children to put 3 sounds together to make words
- Encourage children to **independently dress** and undress themselves
- Please ensure all items of clothing/ lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled**

Important dates:

BOOK WEEK: 2nd March - 6th March

Book character dress up day is **Thursday 5th March**. Elm class will be dressing up as fairy tale characters.

30/01/2020 - English Workshop for parents at 2pm

02/03/2020 - BOOK WEEK

03/03/2020 - Parents Evening (4:30pm - 7:30pm)

04/05/2020 - Parents Evening (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

05/03/2020 - World Book Day

05/03/2020 - Elm Class Assembly at 9:15am

13/03/2020 - Sport Relief Day, non-uniform donation of £1

16/03/2020 - Sharing of work from 3:15pm - 3:45pm

17/03/2020 - Sharing of work from 8:45am - 9:15am

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. We are looking forward to a really fantastic year.

Many thanks,

Miss Yardley and Mrs Spencer