



Reception Newsletter

Spring 1



Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the break and had a happy start to the New Year. This half term, we will be learning about the magical world of traditional tales with our topic 'Once Upon a Time...' Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? Why did The Little Red Hen eat her bread by herself? We'll find out more about our favourite stories, and discover some new ones.

We'll look at different character types, and decide whether our favourite characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! Using different materials and shapes, we'll build castles and bridges. Sharing a range of traditional tales will inspire us to mark make, and we'll create story maps to retell familiar tales. We'll also test the right materials to make houses for the Three Little Pigs. The Little Red Hen will inspire us to make our own bread and get into role for our Bakers Shop. What an exciting half term!

Mathematics

During this half term, we will be securing our number knowledge within 5 with a focus on comparing numbers and exploring their composition. We will also learn about Mass with a focus on comparing and making estimations about weight and capacity. To support maths learning at home, you could download the White Rose app. This includes fun games that link to their learning at school.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



Literacy

We will be learning to retell the story of The Little Red Hen and The Gingerbread Man. The children will have opportunities to write linked to the stories and draw story maps. We will continue to share lots of stories throughout the weeks to help develop vocabulary, inspire our imaginative play and writing and most importantly, a love for reading.

Key Texts

- *The Little Red Hen
- *The Gingerbread Man
- *Three Little Pigs
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- * Goldilocks and The Three Bears
- * Chinese New Year Story

Please remember to hear your child read daily and practise their tricky words that have been sent home.

Balanceability

During the spring term, children in reception will take part in 'Balanceability' sessions. Apricot class start their first session on Monday the 15th January with the final lesson being on Monday 26th February. Apple Class will then start their sessions on Monday 4th March until the 22nd April.

The aim of the sessions are to develop the pupils ability to ride a bike supporting their gross motor skills and core strength.

PE – Tuesday afternoons

Forest Time – Thursday afternoons (Weather dependent)

*Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed for Balanceability, PE and Forest Time. Thank you

Independence

Please can you encourage your child to practise putting on/taking off their coats/ jumpers/cardigans and also how fasten zips and buttons to develop their independence skills.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team



Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is on the 10th February so we will be learning about it during the last week of the half term. We will be learning where China is and how and why people celebrate it and we'll even get to try some Chinese food! More information for this will be sent out nearer the time.

Other

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Parveen onto our staff. Mrs Parveen will cover Mrs Ridley's maternity leave in EYFS and will work on Thursdays and Fridays. She will also plan with EYFS staff on a Wednesday.

Dates

Please see our Hurst Green Newsletter sent by Mrs Kelly for key dates.