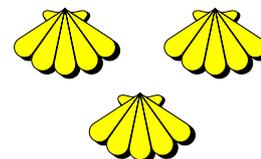


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## Spring Newsletter

Reception - Red Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

Our learning this term will continue to take place through topics which are chosen by the children and these will change and evolve depending upon the children's interest. We will be starting the term with the topic 'once upon a time'. Through this topic will be exploring and reading traditional story books such as 'the gingerbread man', 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and 'Little Red Hen'.

In Literacy we will continue to develop the children's phonic knowledge and are now focusing on developing writing. The children have a good knowledge of sounds and have been using these to write as part of our phonics sessions. They also have a bank of words that they are able to read by sight - these are displayed in the classroom and the children will be supported in using these effectively to develop their writing skills. As last term, our emphasis will be developing the children's confidence in using their sounds to spell words, not focusing too much at this point on the accuracy of their attempts. We encourage children to 'have a go' when writing words and help them to sound out words for themselves rather than tell them the correct spelling every time. Letter formation continues to be a focus and the children will now begin to have daily handwriting sessions to help develop this.

In Maths, the children will be continue to use their perceptual subitising skills in more complex arrangements. We will continue to explore the relationship of numbers and begin to deepen our understanding that numbers are made up of other numbers and begin to rehearse number bonds. Towards the end of the term, we will explore parts that make a whole and use the part-whole model to develop an understanding of addition.

Our PE lessons will be continue to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school this week and that all items are clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned if they go missing. For health and safety reasons no earrings are permitted for PE activities. This term we are also lucky enough to have an external cycling company come in and work with the children once week teaching them bike skills such as balancing and gaining confidence on the bike.

The children will continue to bring books home to share with you. Please continue to support them with their reading for approximately 10 minutes each day and make note in their reading diary. If there was anything your child found tricky whilst reading please also make note of this in their ready diary - these are checked weekly and we can then follow up any concerns with your child. The children should be recognising the tricky words that we have learnt and they should be using their phonics to work out other words in the text. The



phonic sounds and tricky words we have looked at so far will be sent home this week. As last term, reading books need to be returned on Monday and library books on a Friday. New library and reading books will be issued on a Friday for the children to enjoy over the weekend. Please also continue to read bedtime stories to your child.

In Expressive, Arts and Design we will continue to have Mrs Earl to develop our musical talents and follow the Kapow art scheme to enjoy mark making with a variety of materials and further develop our observational drawing skills.

In Understanding the World we will use the traditional stories to help us to make story maps, look at different types of houses in the past and look at setting to help us understand what the past was like. We will also develop our understanding of RE through stories about people who help us. We also hope to be cooking bread and gingerbread men, linking this to our traditional tales.

This term we will be introducing the children to minimash in the computer suite to develop their computing skills.

Just a few reminders, the children will continue to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day at snack time. There is also the opportunity for the children to have a carton of milk - please see the office if you are interested in this. Those children not having milk should bring in a clearly labelled bottle containing **water only** please. Please be aware that we will encourage the children to have a snack and drink each day but we do not insist on this.

When sending your child to school, please ensure they are wearing school **shoes only- no boots**. They are welcome to wear trainers/boots to walk to school in but must change into their school shoes when they arrive at school. Finally we love to extend our learning outside and try to ensure we are outside every day so please ensure your child brings into school appropriate outdoor wear - hat/scarf/gloves etc. They are welcome to leave a spare set in school.

If you need any support or additional information at any time please send an email to the main office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Pavett (Mon/Tues/Wed) & Mrs Cumber (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

