



Spring 1 - Reception



Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely winter break and we are excited for all our new learning this half term!

Our topic this half term is Long Long Ago! There will be lots of different activities based around Traditional Tales for the children to do in preparation for our **trip to Temple Newsam on 12th February**. Our Key texts this half term are 'The 3 Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' and 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. We will be focusing on writing captions to say what happens in the story and to describe the different characters. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent when using their 'Fred Fingers' for writing and using the letter mats to support with correct letter formation. In Maths we will be embedding our learning of numbers 0-5, looking at the relationship between the numbers and also exploring capacity, weight and size. The children will also be recording what they find out. In our Understanding the World sessions we will be looking at the differences between the seasons and exploring the properties of different materials by doing some simple experiments. We are encouraging the children to be more independent with their learning in the classroom and supporting them to practice what we have learnt in our carpet sessions so they can apply their knowledge confidently.

Reading

Reading continues to be a priority. We ask that you read with your child at least 3x a week at home and write a short comment in their reading record.

All children have a reading for pleasure book for you to share together and a blending book for the children to practice their reading independently. Please encourage your children to spot the special friends, Fred talk (sound out the word) and then blend the sounds together to read the word. You can support your child by helping them with any sounds they are unsure of and modelling how to blend the sounds together to read the word e.g 'c-a-t cat. f-i-sh fish'.

We also ask that you practice the weekly learnt sounds in phonics with your child by scanning the QR codes sent home each week.

PE

Reception have PE on **Thursdays** and our focus for this half term is Dance.

Please ensure you send your child to school in PE kit and trainers every Thursday. If you have lost any items of your PE kit, please talk to a member of staff.

Key Dates

28th and 29th January - Parents evening

12th February - Temple Newsam trip Rhyme workshop.

14th of February - break up for half term. Return to school 24th February.

School Uniform

All children need to come to school in their full school uniform each day. As the weather is colder, ensure you send your child to school with a warm coat and suitable footwear every day. **Please can all items be labelled with your child's name.** This also applies to hats/scarves/gloves. If your child misplaces an item of clothing, it is much easier to locate if it is named. We will put any lost property outside Reception at the end of each week so please take a look if your are missing anything. If you have any problems regarding uniform please talk to a member of staff.

Home Learning

Each child in Reception has a home learning book which will contain activities for your child to do at home linked to their current learning. Please spend time with your child helping them to complete the activities and talk to them about their learning.



Scan for RA

Activities will also be put on Class Dojo.



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