

# Family Newsletter

## **Our theme for the term is 'Story Telling'**

We will be focusing upon well-known stories including:

- Winter – One Snowy Night.
- Growing up – Once There Were Giants.
- Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit - Clever Sticks.
- Space – Whatever Next!
- Traditional stories – 3 Little Pigs.
- Dinosaurs – Non-fiction.
- Wild animals – Dear Zoo.

## **In Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will be focusing upon developing the children's independent learning skills, encouraging them to select the resources they need for learning by themselves.

We are continuing with our weekly 'Mega Job' – activities which all children are encouraged to complete independently.

Our topics will help us investigate 'ourselves and the world we live in' and 'our identities and diversity'.

We will use circle time activities to share our thoughts and ideas.

## **In Communication and Language**

We will be spending a lot of time developing pupils' speaking and listening skills this term.

We will talk about the texts we are reading, practising using full, clear sentences, with a focus upon developing the skills of understanding and retelling stories.

## **In Physical Development**

This term we will begin our dance topic with 'Real PE'.

We will also be practising ball skills such as rolling, throwing and catching.

We will continue to refine our fine motor skills through independent activities including cutting, building, using play dough and writing.

## It's story telling time for the Foxes and Tigers.

### Spring 1



Library day is on a Friday.  
Your child will choose a new  
book for you to share at home.

Reading books will be given  
out on a weekly basis. **Please  
listen to your child read their  
book and record it in their  
yellow reading diary.**

Please remember to bring a  
book bag to school EVERYDAY.

## **In Literacy**

We will be working hard this term to develop story retelling skills. To recall the story, use the language from the text and understand that there is a beginning, middle and end. We will also begin to draw, write and create our own stories.

We are beginning phase 3 phonics, learning to recognise digraphs in text and where to write them in words. We will continue to learn the 'Every Day Words'.

## **In Maths**

We will work daily on our math's skills. This term, we will be working on number bonds for numbers 1-5 and practise remembering them automatically. We will also begin looking at numbers 6, 7 and 8.

Each week we will complete activities based around a different skill such as counting, adding, subtracting, doubling, halving and finding more/less. The children will also be using hands-on activities around the classroom to enhance these skills and others, including weighing and measuring.

We are also looking forward to our 'Penguin Day' on Friday 6th January where we will use a hundred square and keep count of how many penguins we can make.

## **In Understanding of the World**

We will begin by looking at the changing weather in the winter. We will talk about freezing water and melting ice. We will then learn about space and think about the features of Planet Earth.

We will be finding out about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated across the world.

Forest School sessions will also continue, please check ParentMail for your class dates.

## **In Expressive Arts & Design**

We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to explore their own ideas through the use of music, colour, collage, junk modelling and painting this half term.

We will create a piece each week linked to our topics to develop our skills and practise combining different media and materials.