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Monday 2nd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic in Reception for this half term is 'Fairy tales and Traditional Tales'. As part of this topic, we will focus on different fairy tales and traditional tales, using this as an opportunity to engage and excite the children with their learning.

In our English lessons, we will be reading some exciting stories with the children including 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be reading the stories and learning about the features of fairy tales. Reception will be having a visit from the 'Once Upon a Time Storytelling' workshop on Thursday 5th March, where we will be learning all about different traditional fairy tales. Dani the storyteller will take the children on an immersive adventure, exploring the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs' through music, use of props, role-play and imagination. They will become storytellers themselves in an interactive experience.

In Maths, we will be learning about ordering numbers to 10, counting on and backwards from 10, comparing 9 and 10, composition of 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and 3D shapes and patterns.

We will continue to cover phase 3 in our phonics lessons this half term. Please continue to read with your child at home at least three times a week. We will continue to change both the phonetic book and the reading for pleasure book on a **Monday and a Thursday**. Please record whether you have read with your child so that we know when to change the book.

Please give your child as many opportunities as possible to write at home independently using the sounds they are learning, eg. writing shopping lists, keeping a weekend diary or writing notes and letters to friends or relatives.

We will be setting a homework menu for the half term. The homework menu will consist of 10 pieces of homework for you to complete with your child. You and your child can choose which homework task you would like to complete each week. We will send the homework books home each Friday, to be returned on a Wednesday. Please let your child draw and write independently in their homework books using the phonics sounds and tricky words they have learnt so far. You can scribe above your child's writing if necessary for it to be read clearly.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Williams, Miss Carver and Miss Deller-Neeson

EYFS Class teachers

Education Trust Leader - Mr Lee Mason Ellis

Head Teacher - Mrs Rachel Lincoln

Deputy Head Teacher - Miss Lydia Coss

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