



Reception Newsletter

Spring 1 – 15th January 2018



Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term our topic is '**Traditional Tales**'. We will be using the following texts in Literacy to complete different activities; Hansel and Gretel and Jack and the Beanstalk. Should your child have any particular favourite traditional tales, please feel free to share these with your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

18th January 2018 - Non-uniform Pantomime Lunch Day.

8th February 2018 - Traditional Tales Fancy Dress Day.

Routine reminders

- Please continue to send your school book bag folders to school **every day**.
- Children will have PE on **Tuesday** afternoons.
- Library books will be changed weekly.
- Reading books will be changed weekly and Dojo points awarded for every day your child has read (for the week Monday to Sunday.) Please remember to log each day they read with any appropriate comments.
- Please make sure your child's water bottle only contains water and is clearly labelled with their name.
- Reception children can bring a scooter to school for the scooter roadway every **Friday**. Could you please ensure scooters have been checked and that your child has a helmet which fits their head.
- Send us a photograph through Dojo, let us know what you have been doing, where your adventures have taken you and what your child has been learning.

Show and Tell

- This half term please encourage your child to bring in an item linked to our topic '**Traditional Tales**' or to an achievement in their life, for example, a club badge, swimming certificate, etc
- Show and Tell is every **Friday**.



Key areas of learning this half term:-

Maths

- Tally charts
- Solving doubling, halving and sharing problems.
- 3D shapes
- Weighing and capacity.

Literacy

- To continue a rhyming string.
- To write simple sentences and captions.
- To understand the key events in a story, including the characters and settings.

Communication and Language

- To link statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
- To introduce a storyline or narrative into their play.

Key activities and challenges this half term

- Making fruit faces.
- Acting out narratives using the puppet show, teacher zone and role play area.
- Creating potions using different media
- Creating lists and instructions (art/literacy)

PE

- Gymnastics – balance and moving across apparatus; jumping and landing appropriately.

How you can support your child

- Reading as frequently as possible.
- Encouraging them to complete activities on Mathletics to earn 1,000 points for a certificate.
- To practise and read the 'Action Words' and high frequency words.

Traditional Tales Story Telling

You are invited to our 'Traditional Tales Day' on Thursday 8th February 2018. Come along and take part in traditional tale activities and read your favourite traditional tale to the children.

Morning 9.15 – 10.15

Afternoon 14.00 – 15.00

Reply Slip – Thursday 8th February 2018

Child's Name _____

Adult's Name _____

Session attending (Circle) AM PM