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'Aim high, prepare to achieve'

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Dear parents/carers,

Please find below an overview of reception topics for this half term, including some links and activities which can be completed at home. PE will continue to be on a Friday morning for both classes. There will be NO forest school this half term.

Reception Overview – Spring 1 – Fairy Tales

<u>Communication and Language:</u> This half term we will be looking at some traditional tales and fairy tales. Every week the children will be exploring a new story and as part of our learning they will be retelling the stories using puppets. We are also going to be sending home a class teddy called 'Percy the Pig'. He will be spending time with each of the children and when the children bring him back into school they will be talking about the adventures that Percy has been on with them.	<u>Phonics:</u> We have now grouped the children for phonics across Reception and KS1. The children will have targeted phonics sessions supporting their own development level. In the classroom, we are going to be reading lots of CVC words, writing CVC words and reading lots of phonetically decodable books together. Phonics Activities for home https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ Phonics play has some free phoneme recognition games and blending games which will support children with their phonics learning.
<u>Literacy:</u> Our Literacy work across this half term will also be linked to a range of fairy tales and traditional tales. The children will spend time creating story maps, to help them when retelling our stories. In our written work, we are going to start writing simple sentences, encouraging the children to be more confident with using sound mats to support them. We will also be looking at full stops and finger spaces in our writing.	<u>Maths:</u> In Maths, we will be continuing to strengthen our number bonds, looking at numbers 0 to 10. We will be focusing on composition, subitizing, adding one more/ one less and writing addition calculations. Towards the end of this half term, we will be exploring time, length and height. We will continue to learn number songs and play a range of games, to support our number work. Please continue to support your children by asking them to help you count and use their number knowledge as part of everyday activities.
<u>Understanding the World:</u> Through RE we are going to be following the Jigsaw scheme of work where the focus is on celebrations this half term. We will be exploring a range of different celebrations including New Year and Chinese New Year and looking at how people celebrate these special occasions.	<u>Expressive Arts and Design:</u> This half term we are going to be creating lots of paintings of characters from the different fairy tales as well as using a wider range of media to create including making castles using recycled materials. Through our imaginative play we are going to be extending our vocabulary by looking at story telling words to encourage the children to create their own stories as well as retelling familiar fairy tales.
<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development:</u> We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term we are looking at 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be looking at setting challenges through the year and talking about the importance of perseverance. We will also discuss ways that we can support each other and have a positive attitude towards everything that we do.	<u>Physical Development:</u> In PE this half term, we are looking at the fundamental movement skills. Looking at how we can move and change direction and developing jumping/ hopping with control. We will also be working on developing our balance whilst stationary and on the move.

Many Thanks,
The Reception Team