

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER Spring 2019

We have had a fantastic start to the year. The children have returned to school happy and eager to learn.

Topic

For this half term Reception will be focussing on 'Fairy tales and Traditional Tales'. We will be looking at stories such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'Rapunzel' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Next half term our topic is 'Animals of the World'.

Literacy

In literacy, we shall be continuing to encourage writing in a range of different forms. We shall be writing instructions about how to make a gingerbread man, mini books about our trip to the library and found posters all about a glass slipper!

We will be continuing with phase 3 phonics. This will involve teaching the skills of segmenting and blending, looking at digraphs like ar, oo and and trigraphs such as igh, ear and ure.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will continue to work with numbers to 20 and beyond when appropriate and introducing different ways of recording their work. We will be focussing on Shape, Space and Measure during this half term and so the children will be looking at length and height, weight and capacity and time. They will also be introduced to simple 2D and 3D shapes and the properties they have.

Homework, reading records and reading books will continue to be collected in on a Thursday and given back to the children each Friday. Please make sure you are signing your child's reading record. We will not change your child's book if it has not been clearly marked that it has been read.

In addition to this, the children will be encouraged to borrow a variety of books during our visits to the library. This is on a Tuesday for Miss Hinde's class and a Wednesday for in Mrs Lawrence's.

PE

PE is on a Monday morning. Please can you ensure that **all** uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. Please can you make sure that your child's hair is tied back on PE days and that earrings are not worn.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 15th January—Visit to Bromley library

Friday 18th January—Visit to Churchill Theatre

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

W/B 11th March—Dog's Trust

Tuesday 19th March—Minibeast Man

Tuesday 26th March—Godstone Farm

Friday 5th April—Reading Café (open to parents)

More information to follow.

We are always thrilled to have parent readers in class, whether this be once a week or once a month. The trips that we book are also only possible with parental help so if you are able to volunteer for anything in the future, we would be most grateful.

Miss Hinde and Mrs Lawrence