



St Mary's Primary School Writhlington

We hope you had a lovely Christmas! A very Happy New Year to you all. Welcome to Spring Term 1. We have a fun packed term to enjoy, which is already flying by!

Topic

The topic this term is *Fairytales*, as we have a whole school topic based around books.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th Jan 3.15-4pm-
Reading Café in Little Oaks (see
attached letter)

Friday 19th Jan Teddy Bears Picnic

PE Kits required on Friday. This term
we are focusing on Ball Skills.

Nunney Castle Trip Thursday 11th January- 9.15-12

Please ensure that you have paid via parent pay by next week, or with Mrs Fenton in the office.

The children will need wellies and a waterproof coat on this day, but lunch will be in school on our return.

Phonics

In phonics this term, we are continuing to learn new Phonics Sounds and we move onto Phase 3. Attached is the link to the parent's section of our Phonics programme. Please watch the video-

Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/re-sources/for-parents/>

We will send home a copy of all the sounds we are learning in the children's sound books. It is our aim for the children to develop a quick recall of each sound.

As the children become more confident in identifying the sounds, they will be able to read more words and sentences that contain the sounds that we have learnt, alongside the 'Tricky Words' that the children are practising.

Please continue to help your child by practising the pronunciation and formation of these sounds at home too! (See attached sheet) We are also learning many new sounds called 'digraphs' (two letters that make one sound, e.g. ch in chip) and 'trigraphs' (Three letters that make up one sound, e.g. igh in might). These can also be a challenge so please continue to practise in the sound books!

Literacy

This term, across the school is book term...

In Literacy, we are learning all about story language and sharing a range of fairytale stories. We are going to be studying different characters in stories and creating 'speech bubbles' for them. We will begin to create 'story maps' which will help us to sequence and understand how stories are structured. We will become familiar with the language in these stories- great for helping children to develop a real enthusiasm for the stories and to be able to retell them themselves. Next week, we will be learning all about The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children will also be writing and sending an invitation home to invite their favourite teddy bear into school for the day for a special event (please send a reply from their teddy as a magical surprise!).



Run, run, as fast as
you can, you can't
catch me- I'm the

Mathematics

Our Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) for this term is: 'To be able to partition numbers to 5 into two groups'. There is an information sheet and activity attached to this newsletter to help with learning at home. For those pupils that have already mastered this skill, we will be developing further, by utilising these skills in a range of contexts. We will continue to consolidate the skill of subitising (instantly recognising amounts without counting). Little Oaks have been using numicon to support with this skill, and to understand which pairs of numbers total 5. We are learning about weight and capacity and linking this to planting in different sized pots – let's hope something grows! After lots of focus on numbers 0-5, we will spend the rest of the term looking at numbers 6, 7 and 8. We work 1:1 each week with your child on their learning steps and the support at home really does help, thank you for all of your efforts!

Foundation Subjects

We have another jam-packed term, full of fun stuff to help us to learn so many skills! We have a role play castle to build, weaving Red Riding Hood's basket and gingerbread men to bake!

We will also be listening to and appraising a range of music, and learning some new songs (now the Nativity ones are out of our heads!).

Reading

Please read the phonic books and reading for pleasure books with your child as often as you can. Keep using the sound books to practise the new sounds!

Thank you for your continued support, The Little Oaks