



BUTTERFLIES NEWSLETTER

TERM 3

St Mary's Primary School Writhlington

TOPIC: FAIRYTALES

Welcome to Term 3- we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

We will be learning about Fairytales this term, and we have lots of learning planned around different books.



BUTTERFLY PROMISES

To use; listening ears, looking eyes, hands up, kind words and super sitting!

READING

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Please continue to aim to listening to your child read **every day** and record this in their **reading records**. Doing this helps to stimulate imagination and expands their understanding of the world. Try pointing to the pictures and discussing what they see.



More wonderful learning

LITERACY

This term we are learning all about story language by sharing a range of fairytales. The children will explore the 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man and a Non-Fiction texts about Castles.

The children will be writing invitations to their favourite teddy bear to welcome them into school for a special event.

Please send a reply from their teddy bear as a magical surprise.

Maths



This term, our Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) is **to be able to partition 5 into two groups**. This involves looking at 5 in cubes, counters or objects and physically splitting them into 2 groups. They will explore different ways to do this.

We will work 1:1 with your child on their learning step at least once a week.

Top tips

- **Tricky words:** Keep practicing their tricky words at home and remember, these can only be read by sight.
- Practice your child's **Math's learning step** that is in their reading record.



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There's More?

ALL OTHER LEARNING

In **Music** this term, children will be learning to listen to and appraise a variety of songs. They will learn familiar songs and sing plenty of nursery rhymes each day.

In **PE** they will be practicing their *Gymnastics skills*. Through their knowledge of animals they will learn how to create shapes, balance and jump using their body.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) will be where the children learn about "Dreams and Goals." Children will explore skills on how to keep trying even when things are difficult.

Our **RE** topic this term is called: "How do people Celebrate?" They will learn about the different ways people celebrate the New Year.

Happy
New Year



Dates to Remember

Please engage with the school newsletter to receive the important dates for each term.

Reminders



Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on **Mondays** this term please! We will be outside where possible so proper trainers or daps will be required, whilst also having layers as the weather changes.

Children in Butterflies spend lots of time learning outdoors, so please ensure they have a pair of wellies (labelled!) and a waterproof coat or suit that can be left at school.

Phonics Support

In Phonics, we are moving onto Phase 3 sounds. Children will be learning lots of new digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound). Here is a link for support, should you need it:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>