

Class A Newsletter

JANUARY 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term. Our theme for this half term is 'Once Upon A Time' and will involve lots of work around fairy tales, especially focussing on Jack and The Beanstalk, The Gingerbread man and Three Little Pigs. We continue daily phonics lessons with the introduction of digraphs (2 letters making 1 sound, such as 'th, sh, ch, ai, oa) We will also start focussing on reading and writing 'tricky' common words which can't be sounded out and children will bring these home as word strips to practise. The children have really benefitted from the regular practise of word strips with you - thank you! Please continue these plus daily reading, recording in their orange diaries.

In Numeracy the children will begin adding and subtracting, finding how many more or less in a group, counting in 2,5,10's and sorting and comparing quantities and shapes. Plenty of practical and oral work alongside more formal recording.

Library sessions continue on a Wednesday and children will be able to choose books to share at home. We hope to start regular cooking sessions too.

PE lessons will be on a Monday but please ensure kit is in school every day. We will be taking part in a skipping and parachute festival at Axe Valley at the end of the month (details to follow).

Can we please remind you to return WOW! Slips as we are keen to recognise all your child's achievements towards the Foundation Stage Profile. Please let us know if you require a fresh supply. We have not yet received slips for all children!

We are running low on spare underwear needed for the little 'accidents' that happen in a Reception Class!! Please wash and return any items that your child has borrowed. Thank you!

As always, please come and see us with any worries or concerns, however small, alternatively pop a note in your child's reading diary. We always welcome helpers in school so if you have a spare hour just let us know!

Best Wishes,

Cherise

