



Dear Parents,

Once upon a time, Reception returned from their Christmas break, rested, refreshed, and ready to begin a magical new adventure...

This half term, the children will be exploring traditional tales and nursery rhymes, comparing different versions of well-known stories. They will also be designing, building, and testing their very own chairs for Baby Bear!

Whose creation will be strong enough to hold his weight?

We will be discussing the dilemmas faced by the characters in each story. Will they all live happily ever after?

Mr Blanthorn and Mrs Colclough

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

Do stories and rhymes always stay the same?

IN WRITING we will continue to learn letter sounds and will be attempting to write short CVC words (cat, mat, sad) using our phonic knowledge. We will be mastering writing our names.

IN MATHEMATICS we will be learning to recognise and order numbers, discover what one 'more' than a number is, number bonds to 5 and when comparing groups of objects, be able to use the terms 'more', 'fewer' and 'equal to'.

IN PHONICS we will continue to recap our Set 1 sounds and start to introduce the digraphs and Set 2 sounds. The children will use their phonic knowledge to write independent sentences.

IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN we will be experimenting with materials to build a new chair for Baby Bear.

IN COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE we will look at questioning and how to seek out information we want.

IN UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD we will look at the similarities and differences between different cultures and communities.

IN PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT we will discuss the morals in traditional tales and gain an understanding of what the 'right' and 'wrong' thing to do is.

IN PE, we will be harnessing the Fundamental Movement Skills we learnt in our first term, adding a variety of ball skills to their ever-growing sporting repertoire! As always, we will be encouraging teamwork and individual effort in the lessons.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bring **PE** kits every **Tuesday**.
- Reading books should come to school **daily** (changed on Fridays).
- Please relabel all belongings.
- Be prepared for Beach School every **Friday**.

