



Dear parents/carers,

Every half term we like to write to you to keep you informed about what your child will be learning about and to make you aware of any important upcoming events. Our topic this half term is 'Traditional Tales'. We will be reading 'The Billy Goats Gruff', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gingerbread Man' as well as talking about and sharing other well known, and loved, traditional tales. We will also be spending a lot of time getting to know new friends in our class and learning about all of the people who work with us in our school and help to keep us safe.

In literacy, we will be learning letter names and sounds using the Jolly Phonics scheme. Children will be taught letter sounds in a specific order and will also learn the corresponding action to help them remember them as they begin to read and write. Alongside the sound and action, children will learn how to form letters using a multi-sensory approach.

We will be running an important workshop this half-term in which parents will be invited to come along and find out more about how phonics is taught at school and how you can help support your child at home.

The children will be practising writing their name and will be encouraged to attempt writing and mark-making in all areas of the provision both inside and out.

In mathematics, we will be learning to count, recognise and write numbers to ten, then twenty. We will be doing this in a very practical way by learning number songs and counting small objects. We will be investigating shape in the environment and learning about some of their properties such as the number of sides and corners they have. The children will be learning how to compare numbers and begin to use vocabulary such as 'more' and 'less'.

In understanding the world, we will be observing the world around us and asking questions about why things happen and how things work. We will be exploring the school to find our way around and recognise key areas such as the hall and office. We will also be exploring the school's outside spaces whilst observing the change in the seasons over the next few weeks.

In expressive arts and design, we will be listening to music and exploring how to make different sounds with instruments. We will be experimenting with colour mixing and manipulating malleable materials such as play dough and plasticine. We will also be investigating texture in the natural world by going on a texture hunt and making rubbings of what we find.

In physical development, we will be learning how to safely negotiate space and objects around us. We will be encouraging the children to dress and undress independently; please help your child at home with this. The children will have daily practise with pencil control and will learn how to use a variety of equipment and tools safely such as scissors and hole punchers.

In order for your child to go home with their personal belongings, please can you ensure that all items of clothing and equipment, such as book bags and packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled. It is important that your child has a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls, all of which should be labelled. **Orange Class has PE each week on a Monday, Blue Class on a Tuesday and Red Class on a Friday.** Finally, please can you ensure that your child is in the correct uniform; school jumper/cardigan, white polo shirt/shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, grey sock/tights, black shoes and, if applicable, only small studded earrings are allowed at school for safety reasons.

Please come and join us on the following occasions:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning – 11.00am to 12.00pm**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Parents Reading and Phonics Meeting - 9:15am to 10am**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Roxanne Iyacootee**  
**Red Class**

**Sabrina Petitti**  
**Orange Class**

**Amber Staniforth**  
**Blue Class**