## Autumn 2 Newsletter

# Reception

## 6<sup>th</sup> November / 13<sup>th</sup> November

#### Traditional Tales

We will be reading some much loved traditional tales this half term. We will read The Three Little Pigs and as well as building our own three little pig houses, we will be looking at homes from all over the world and at homes from a long time ago. We will also read 'The Gingerbread Man' and will use this story as inspiration to bake or own gingerbread people. Hopefully they will not run away! Just in case they do, we will make a trap to catch them in! Whilst reading the stories, we will be recalling what has happened and answering questions about the main events and characters. We ill add resources to the role play areas so that children can act them out themselves.

## 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Christmas Celebrations**

Everybody's favourite time of year, and in Reception it is an extra special year as we perform our very own nativity! We will be practising our lines, warming up our singing voices and putting on our best costumes to perform for both parents and other school children. We will be learning about the Christian story of Christmas, as well as how people all around the world celebrate at Christmas time. We will read some poems such as 'The Night Before Christmas' and use this to consolidate our knowledge of rhyming words. In the last week of term, we will be inviting parents in for a Christmas themed arts and crafts afternoon too.

## 20<sup>th</sup> November/27<sup>th</sup> November

#### Winter

We will be looking at seasonal changes as we enter winter, focusing on the weather, the changes to the trees and animal behaviours such as hibernating. Our key texts will be centred around The Gruffalo, and 'The Gruffalo's Child. We will set up a 'Cave Café' and will use this to create some food inspired by The Gruffalo. We will be finding out about alliteration and rhyming words and using all our knowledge to complete some independent writing.





## Science

This term we will focus on answering key questions in Science. The children will think about changes that happen when some solids and liquids are mixed and then again when they have been cooked. They will be observing changes that they see outside and those that they feel, e.g., changes in the weather.



## **Forest School**

Forest school will be taught by Mrs Blyth each Wednesday afternoon. On this day children will need to bring wellies and a waterproof coat. They will also need a change of clothes in case they get wet or muddy. The children will be exploring the forest area and using all of their senses to talk about their adventures when outside.

### Maths

This term we will practise matching an amount of objects to a numeral. We will continue to work on recognising numbers 0-10 and then on writing those numbers. We will learn some rhymes to help us to write numbers. We will act out maths stories. Linked to our stories, we will be using language linked to size and position.

## Phonics

The children will continue to work in their groups, learning all of Set 1 Sounds. Whilst children are learning their sounds, they will also be blending them together, building up to reading and spelling words using the sounds that they know. Some children will start to bring home blending books, please also practise these at home and return them to school each day.

## INFORMATION

PE will continue to be on a **Monday** and children will need to come to school in their PE kits please.

Children will start to bring homework home on a **Friday**, to be returned by the following Thursday please. It will be linked to RWI, Maths or our topic.

We will be introducing a 'share a story' time on a **Tuesday at 3pm**. Parents are welcome to come in and share a story with their child and talk about what happens and what the characters do.