

## 4<sup>th</sup> November – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### Super Stories!

We will be reading some much loved traditional tales this half term. We will start with The Three Little Pigs and will be exploring materials to build our own houses. We will also read The Gingerbread Man and will use this story as inspiration to bake our own gingerbread people. Hopefully they will not run away! Whilst reading the stories, we will be recalling what has happened and answering questions about the main events and characters. We will add resources to the role play areas so that children can act them out themselves.

## PE & Forest School

PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday** and children will need to come to school in their PE kits. **Please remember to remove all jewellery before entering school on PE day.** PE will take place inside, but the children will still be going outside for break and lunch. Forest school will continue to take place on a **Friday**. On this day children will need to bring wellies and a waterproof coat. They may 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.

## 25<sup>th</sup> November/2<sup>nd</sup> December

### 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 be finding out about alliteration and rhyming words and using all our knowledge to complete some independent writing.



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## 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<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 the rest of the school. 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. We will also be inviting parents in for a Christmas themed arts and crafts afternoon.

## Maths

This half-term we will be practising counting amounts up to 20 and matching to a numeral. We will continue to work on recognising numbers 0-10 and then on writing those numbers. We will be starting to look at addition and how we can act out addition maths stories. We will also 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

Please remember to label all your children's clothing and any items they may bring into school.

### Parents' Evening

We hope that you can join us on either Monday 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November to look at your child's books and to discuss their progress.