# **Reception Newsletter**



### Literacy

Our focused texts this half term are 'There is no Dragon in This Story' by Lou Carter and Deborah Allwright and 'The Gingerbread Man.' (We will be looking at different versions of this story).



We will be writing our own stories using our phonic knowledge where we will listen carefully to the sounds we can hear in words. We will also be doing lots of work on our letter formation and building the strength in our hand muscles through lots of fine motor control activities such as Dough Disco and Squiggle.

There will also be lots of other reading and writing opportunities for the children within provision such as writing lists, captions and simple sentences.

### **Topic**

Our topic this half term is called 'Tell Me a Tale' and we will be learning about different traditional tales. We will be reading lots of traditional tales such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will be talking about the similarities in these tales and will be retelling and acting them out too.



Our role play area is now a 'Traditional Tales Shop' where the children will be pretending to buy the resources needed to act out the tales.

# Phonics and Reading

We continue to have our Monster Phonics sessions every day as well as our regular guided reading sessions.

The children will continue to bring home decodable phonics books to read at home. These books should be read at least 3 times a week at home to build up children's letter and word recognition as well as their reading fluency. Please let us know how the children have done by writing in their reading record.



#### Maths

In maths the children will be comparing quantities and using the language 'more than', 'fewer than,' 'less than' 'greater than' and 'equal to' and finding how many 'altogether.'

The children will also be consolidating their understanding of how numbers are made up and we will be investigating the parts that make up a whole number (e.g. 3 can be made with 1 and 2).

We will also be continue to work on subitising and representing quantities.

# Reminders

P.E. is on a <u>Wednesday and Thursday</u>.
Children need a full P.E. kit in school.
Please do make sure that all items of
clothing are labelled. We will send P.E. kits
home at the end of term to be checked and
washed. Book bags need to be brought in
every day please.



Thank you for your continued support, Ms. Sellers and Ms. McCann.



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