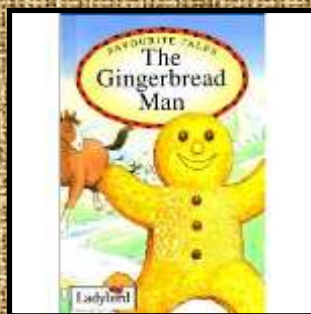




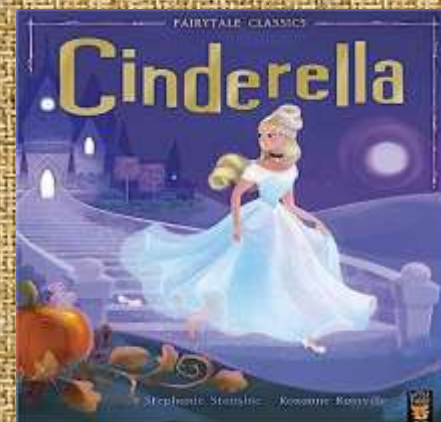
Hello everyone and welcome to our school!

This is a busy term as we begin to settle your children into their new routines and offer them lots of new learning experiences. In the first couple of weeks, your children will be busy making new friends and building relationships with the staff and their peers. They will learn about the routines, expectations, the resources that are available in the different learning zones of the classroom and explore all the different possibilities of how to use them. We also learn how to be responsible and tidy up after ourselves when we finish an activity! Please make sure their clothes are named, bring wellingtons for outdoor play and some spare clothes.



In Early Years we value the importance of play. **Why is play important?**

Growing and learning can be fun. In fact, **playing** helps children learn about themselves and the world around them, while developing essential physical, social, language and communication skills. Playing alone or with others builds confidence and helps children understand where they fit in. Getting creative with playtime, both indoors and out, can also bring children closer together, making them feel loved, happy, and safe.



Our main topic this half term is...

Tell us a Story.

Your children will learn essential skills through stories, including language development by expanding vocabulary and improving communication, emotional understanding by recognizing and relating to characters' feelings, and cognitive skills such as imagination, memory, and attention. Stories also foster empathy, boost listening and social skills, and introduce foundational concepts in mathematics and understanding the world around them.

