



Dear Parents/Carers

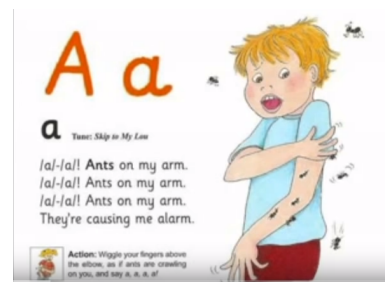
Happy New Year to you all.

The children have come back full of confidence with smiling faces, embracing the new school term with lots of fun. We have welcomed two new pupils who have settled in well, and been introduced to all our new routines by the other children who have been fantastic. This letter will give you some information about what we will be covering this half term and some ways in which you can help your child.

Our focus for this half term is Fairy Tales and we will be looking at a number of fairy tales, taking the lead from the children in terms of which ones excite their interest. We will be starting with Goldilocks and the Three Bears to fit in with our maths, using nursery rhymes, role play and even kids' yoga to bring the learning together.

English

In English this half term, we will be continuing to develop the children's listening skills and encouraging them to join in with songs and rhymes. We will continue to encourage them to make marks on paper, write over their names during self registration and hold their pencils correctly. The children are getting so good at recognising their own names on their blue folders and are starting to recognise other children's names as well.



In phonics, we will continue to look at letter sounds and syllables in words, breaking down short consonant, vowel, consonant words into their sounds such as cup:c u p.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be continuing the work that we started last half term, in which we were learning to subitise (recognise the number of objects without having to count), count on and recognise the digit shapes. This half term, we will be starting with the number 3 and moving on to 4, 5 and 6. We will use rhymes, songs and games to support the children's learning.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be:-

- Combining media and materials to achieve a planned effect
- Using role play, yoga and dance with Nursery Rhymes



Understanding the World

We will be finding out about:-

- Animals in winter time
- Observe and discuss changes in the environment as we approach Spring
- Learning about weather conditions daily



Physical Development

Our Physical Development sessions this term will include:-

- Multiflex sessions with Mr Webb on a Wednesday.
- Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear on PE days to enable them to participate freely and safely.
- A regular run around our Wincham Mile track
- Riding a selection of bikes around the school grounds.
- Cosmic Kids (*Yoga Sessions.*)



- Independent use of simple tools and modelling materials.
- Scissor skills.
- Dough Disco.
- Development of fine motor skills through play activities, painting, drawing etc.

Communication and Language

We will be trying hard to:-

- Listen attentively in a range of situations.
- Listen to their peers without interruption.
- Follow instructions.
- Put their hands up when they want to say something during carpet time.



We will also be encouraging the children to talk to us about the things they are interested in, the things they have done at home and about the people who are special to them. We will be playing games to encourage listening skills and the ability to distinguish sounds around us.

Choose Book

Each week your child will bring home a book from school which they will have individually chosen with a staff member. This will be on the same day each week. Please return it the following week on the same day so that your child can exchange it for a new book. If you could take the time to sit and share the book with your child at some point during the week that would be great.

- Look at the illustrations.
- Ask them to make predictions.
- Discuss the characters.
- At the end of the story ask them some questions about its content which will help with developing their comprehension skills, eg: setting, characters, make predictions about what they think might happen next and whether they liked or disliked the story etc.

After you have talked to them about the story, ask them to draw a picture about their favourite part in their choose book on the next clean page. Initially this may take a little encouragement. If they make any comments about the story or their picture please could you write them in quotations on the page alongside their illustration.

Some children may begin to mark-make “words”. Please encourage this with lots of praise and if they can tell you what they have written, again write it in quotations underneath.

Working together we will help your child progress with their reading and writing.

Ways to help your child

- *As the colder days are here, please practise with your child, zipping up coats, putting on gloves and fastening their own shoes. Please try to provide velcro fastenings on their shoes. They will be doing up their shoes regularly when they change in and out of their wellies during the day. Outdoor play includes water activities as part of the curriculum so please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes just in case. We have plenty of spares should your child need a second change and when needed, we use the puddle suits. We won't leave your children in wet clothes.*
- *Write your child's name on every piece of clothing, shoes and equipment.*

We are looking forward to a wonderful half term. Thank you, in advance, for all your support at home. Please feel free to grab us at the beginning or end of the day with any questions/queries you might have or alternatively email us at: butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk. We check this email account each weekday before 8.30 in the morning. If you need to get a message to us urgently please call the school office on the number above.

Kind regards

Mrs Wood, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Dolan, Mrs Whittaker and Mrs MacMillan

Drawstring kit bag (labelled)	Socks, pants, skirt, trousers, leggings, t-shirt and jumper. Nappies and wipes if needed
Labelled lunchbox	Healthy lunch and a snack for morning and afternoon in a labelled box or bag. Fruit or vegetables only.
Labelled water bottle	Water only please
Trainers labelled	Velcro only please, no laces
Wellies labelled	
Family Photograph	Email to Butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk
Medication labelled	Please go onto the school website and fill in the permissions form so that we can administer it.

