

EYFS 2 Newsletter 2

Welcome back!

We hope you've all had a lovely, restful half-term break and enjoyed some special time together. We're heading into a busy and exciting few weeks, and we can't wait to get started!
To kick things off, we're really looking forward to seeing the children dressed as their favourite fairy tale characters tomorrow (Tuesday). It's a fun way to launch our new project and spark their imaginations!

Project

Our main project for this half term is 'Once upon a time' and the mini companion project is 'Sparkle and shine'.

Once Upon a Time	Sparkle and Shine
	
This language-rich project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales, including Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs and Cinderella.	This mini project teaches children about the celebrations and traditions that take place during the winter holiday season, both in the UK and around the world

Phonics

We will be starting our ELS Phase 2 phonics this term. Below explains which phonemes and harder to read and spell words we will be learning each week.

Week	Phonemes	Harder to read and spell words
3rd Nov	g o c k	put of is
10th Nov	ck e u r	to go into
17th Nov	ss – assess and review	pull
24th Nov	assess and review	
1st Dec	h b f ff l ll	as his
8th Dec	Consolidation and review all	
15th Dec	Consolidation and review all	

Here is the link to the pronunciation video from ELS



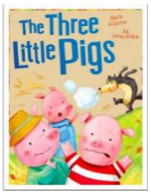
Reading

Your child will be bringing home a decodable phonics reading book each week. These books are carefully matched to the phonemes we've been learning in class and will be changed every Thursday. Please ensure the book is kept in school every day, as we use them during our phonics sessions too. Your child will keep the book for one week, and we kindly ask that you re-read it at least five times during that time. Re-reading helps your child build confidence, fluency, and essential reading skills.



This term our 'Pathways to Write' unit is based around the book 'The Three Little Pigs' by Mara Alperin. At the end of the unit the children will be expected to label a plan and attempt to write a simple caption. We will be learning to:

- Engage in story times
- Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy
- Write some or all of their name
- Write some letters accurately
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s
- Form lower-case letters correctly



Maths

In reception we follow the White Rose Maths scheme supported by Master the Curriculum as it is designed to help children work towards maths mastery and have fun while doing so. This half term we will be learning to:

- Read, write, count and subitise with numbers 0-5
- Explore ways to make numbers up to 5 e.g. 2 and 2 make 4, 3 and 1 make 4
- Comparing numbers and saying which is 1 more than and 1 less than
- Naming and using 2D shapes circle, triangle, square and rectangle
- Using postiionial language e.g. behind, infront, next to, under
- Time – night and day

Class Dojo

Please remember to share any wow moments from home — you can upload a photo and we can share this with the class.



PE days are:

Buxton – Wednesday
Castleton – Tuesday

Please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school. Kits will be sent home at the end of the half term. For safety reasons if your child has pierced ears, earrings must be removed on PE days, and long hair should be tied up.



Tuesday 3rd Nov - 'Once upon a time' dress up day
Thursday 5th Nov – Individual and family photographs
Friday 13th Nov – Children in Need
Monday 16th Nov – Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 9th Dec 7pm-8pm – School Carol Concert at St Peters' all welcom
Wednesday 16th Dec – Christmas jumper and Dinner Day
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th Dec 2.30pm-3.30pm – Nativity performance
Friday 18th Dec – Christmas party day – with a special visitor and break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 4th January 2027 – Return to school

Finally... if you have any queries or concerns, please remember that our door is always open. Please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to us!

Mrs Richardson
EYFS Lead Teacher

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EYFS Class Teacher

We love hearing about these special achievements and sharing them with the class before proudly displaying them on our Proud Cloud wall.

Please cut out the Proud Cloud and bring it in before the end of this half term so we can celebrate your child's WOW moment together!

