



RECEPTION SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

“I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”- Maya Angelou

Welcome back to school and to the start of our summer term! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting few months of learning, exploring and having fun together.

TOPIC HALF TERM ONE



This half term our topic is Famous People

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- ✓ Reading non-fiction texts.
- ✓ Learning the importance of key figures from the past.
- ✓ Exploring art, music and sport.



Some of the things we will be doing include:

- ✓ Making sculptures with paper and clay.
- ✓ Creating musical patterns.
- ✓ Writing fact files about famous people.
- ✓ Learning about local famous people from Nottingham.

TOPIC HALF TERM TWO

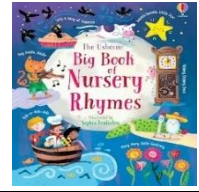
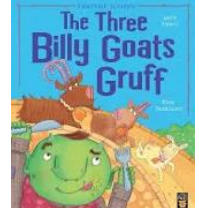
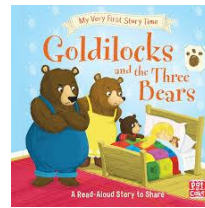
This half term our topic is Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes

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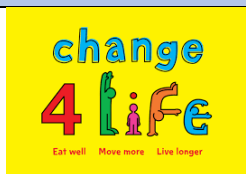
- ✓ Reading fiction texts.
- ✓ Drama and role play activities.
- ✓ Speaking and listening

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- ✓ Making story maps.
- ✓ Completing a nursery rhyme challenge.
- ✓ Watching a musical performance at the theatre.



PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



This term, the children will focus on Being my Best as well as Growing and Changing. Children will learn about the importance of bouncing back when things go wrong, how to have a healthy body and mind and why sleep is so important for healthy development. They will also learn about changes in the seasons, plant, animal and human life cycles and how they all grow and change over time.

COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the summer term, the children will focus on comprehension skills. They will be discussing a wide range of texts and topics, using a wider range of newly introduced vocabulary. The children will learn how to speak in fluent sentences when giving explanations using the correct tenses and conjunctions. They will develop their language through storytelling and the use of rhymes and poetry, as well as when asking and answering questions. Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes are an excellent way to encourage children to use rich language and vocabulary which will support their reading and writing skills.



MATHEMATIC DEVELOPMENT



At our school we follow White Rose Maths. This term the children will be exploring and mastering the numbers to 20 and beyond, including finding number patterns, verbally counting, adding and subtracting as well as sharing and grouping. They will learn how to rotate and compose arrangements with 2D and 3D shapes, and develop an understanding of positional language to explore mapping skills.

HOME LEARNING



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Puzzle Challenge:

The Torvill and Dean children will bring home a Puzzle Challenge every Friday. A Puzzle Challenge is an activity to do at home that is maths related. We would like the children to complete them with you and return them to school the following week. When they return them to school, they will receive a star sticker in the back of their diary. Puzzle is the name of the squirrel that helps the children to get better at maths!

Tricky words:

Your child has been given a set of tricky words to learn at home. They will be tested on the words each week at school. If they know all the tricky words they will win a prize and receive the next set of tricky words to learn. Please remember to send them in your child's bookbag everyday or they will not be tested.

Reading Books:

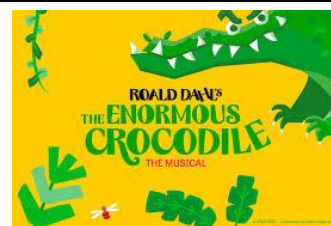
Please encourage your child to read every night and bring your child's book bag to school every day. Your child will have a new practise reading book linked to their phonics phase every **Wednesday**. These will be collected in each **Tuesday**. Any reading being done at home still needs to be recorded in the reading diary. Diaries are checked daily and each book should be read 5 times a week.

It is extremely important that these books are returned ON TIME and in GOOD CONDITION as they are then used in school. Any books not returned will have a charge of £2.50 on the Arbor app.

Sharing reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

TRIP TO NOTTINGHAM THEATRE ROYAL

As part of our topics on Famous People and Traditional Tales, we have booked a trip for the children to attend the Nottingham Theatre Royal to watch a musical performance of Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile' in July. Roald Dahl is a famous author the children will learn about and we will be reading the story at school. This is a fantastic experience for the children involving music, puppetry, dance and storytelling. This trip will be at a highly subsidised price rate and we hope your child will attend, as it will be a fun day out for us all.



DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

13/04 – Start of summer 1 half term
 30/04 – Spanish Day
 04/05 – Bank Holiday
 13/05 – National Numeracy day
 15/05 – Stay and Play
 22/05 – End of summer 1 half term

HALF TERM TWO

01/06 – Start of summer 2 half term
 10/06 – EYFS Sports Day
 01/07 – Transition Day
 03/07 – Trip to see The Enormous Crocodile at the Theatre Royal
 06/07 to 10/07 – World Cup theme week
 10/07 – Stay and Play
 15/07 – Summer Fayre
 17/07 – Reports to Parents
 22/07 – End of summer 2 half term
 23/07 – INSET day
 24/07 – INSET day
 02/09 – First day of new school year