



Butterfly Class Newsletter February /March



A note from Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss Newbury

Welcome back to a new half term, the children have settled quickly. Please read about our topic and themes for this Half term and how you can help your child at home. Amongst many things we will be working on developing the children's confidence to work more independently and through problem solving activities we will encourage the children to keep trying and develop their resilience.

Literacy - we will recap the letters of the alphabet. The children will continue to learn new digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters 1 sound). We will cover...

ch sh ng th ee igh ai oo oa

Please see attached sheet for rhymes, help the children to recognise these sounds in their reading book and when writing words.

We will continue to practise tricky words to enable the children to identify words by sight and use them in their reading and writing. Please help the children by practising these at home

We will encourage the children to develop their imagination and vocabulary through storytelling, acting out traditional stories and writing about them.

Maths - This half term we will be developing the children's ability to talk about size, weight, shape and distance to help solve problems related to the mini challenges set up around traditional stories. We will be measuring how far Red Riding Hood has to go to get to Grandma's and compare distances. We will be building bridges tall enough for the troll to hide under and long enough for the Billy Goats to get across the water. Alongside this the children will be counting amounts, comparing numbers, and developing their knowledge of composition of numbers to 10. We will be looking at numbers that can be shared fairly and make links to previous work on odd and even numbers.

PE - The children have really enjoyed gymnastics and we will continue with apparatus into this half term.

Please ensure the children bring the correct clothing, just a reminder.....

A blue or white round neck t- shirt
Blue or black shorts

If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied back. No additional shoes are required for indoor PE.



Our next topic is Once upon a time...

The children will read Little Red Riding Hood. By following a map and completing a series of challenges, the children will help Little Red Riding Hood get to Grandma's house.

On the way the children will help the Gingerbread man stay safe from the fox, make a disguise for the 3 pigs to trick the wolf, build a bridge for the 3 Billy Goats Gruff and plan a picnic for Grandma. This is a new approach to our topic of Traditional Tales, we hope the children will enjoy it.



Just a reminder to bring children's reading books every day. We are having a really big push on reading this half term, we would like as many children as possible to achieve their Early Learning Goal by June. Please read at least 3 times a week, where possible every night.



We are looking forward to the weather improving and beginning to see the signs of spring. We will be talking to the children about spring, where we will be learning about what grows and why and how this happens.

On 21st March we are excited to have a delivery of eggs so that we can experience the life cycle of a chick. We will watch the chicks hatch and grow. The children will have the opportunity to handle them and learn how to look after them. Watch out for the live video feed on our school website.

Please remember to sign up for Parents Evening this half term to discuss your child's progress.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss Newbury

