



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable break.

Our topic for this term is 'Mixed up Fairy Tales'. This will include looking at traditional tales such as: 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Three Little Pigs', also favourite Eric Carle stories, and more innovative versions of these popular tales such as: 'The Chappati Man' and 'The Three Little Wolves' and 'The Big Bad Pig'!

The children will have opportunities to create their own versions of these tales so please support their imagination by sharing these stories and others at home.

During this term we will also be having an Arts week based on Eric Carle illustrations. We will be displaying and selling our art to parents in term 6 (more information to follow soon!)

In Maths we continue to develop skills in the following : counting and ordering numbers (0-20 and beyond); looking for number patterns in the hundred square; addition (counting on and number bonds to 5 or 10); subtraction; naming 3D and 2D shapes; measuring skills (non-standard units to weigh and measure – eg unifix bricks, hand-spans) and recognition of pattern and symmetry. We are also moving on to using maths knowledge to solve or create simple problems eg there are 2 gingerbread people and 8 buttons: how many buttons will each gingerbread person have?

In PSED with Mrs Kerley we will be learning about changes.

Need some ideas for how to help your child's learning progress at home?

- Read with your child regularly and talk about the book and the characters.
- Look at non-fiction books together; discuss how they differ from story books eg contents and index pages. (We have a fantastic library in Chipping Sodbury with many non-fiction books available to borrow).
- Regularly play the Reception maths games as these build on skills we have been learning in school.
- Talk about your child's day at school. What happened when? What did they find tricky and could practise at home or in planning time?

Important information and some dates for your diary

- **PE days - Tuesday and Thursday. We will be going outside for PE (weather permitting!). Please include a pair of named daps or trainers with their PE kit. REMEMBER to name your child's clothes.**
- Please continue to send in fruit for sharing at milk and fruit time.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 3pm:** come and join us for story time followed by our Nursery & Reception cake sale.

**Please also note the date for our Sports day. We join KS1 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and not Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, which is just for Nursery.**

Thank you,

Mrs Welsh and Miss Dolan