



# GRESTONE ACADEMY

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## Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.

### Curriculum

Our half term topic is **'The Enchanted Woodlands'** and the main focus for this topic will be Science, Literacy and Topic.

**Memorable Experience:** Fairy tale day and a visit from Arabella the storyteller!

**English:** Pupils will be reading lots of different traditional and fairy tale stories. They will retell the story with the support of pictures and videos. Children will so be learning to recite some well-known poems and rhymes.

**Maths:** pupil will learn to add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including 0. Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as  $7 = ? - 9$ . Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words. Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Compare, describe and solve practical problems for time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later]. Measure and begin to record time (hours, minutes, seconds). Children will measure and begin to record mass/weight, capacity and volume. They will also identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.

**Science:** pupils will be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Children will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

**Topic:** pupil be learning about different animals in their woodland homes. They will learn to use different materials to create a nest/den for animals. They will also create a tea party for imaginary animals. Children will make a simple map or plan of their enchanted nest/den, as well as design a simple key to identify these features.

**PE:** pupils will be doing dance this half term. They will learn to move with different parts of their body, as well as working in small groups to create a dance sequence. Children will learn to listen to music and assess the pace and rhythm to ensure their movements coordinate with the music. Children will also self-assess/peer assess their routines to find ways to improve their routines.

### Homework:

- Practise phonics sounds learnt in school
- Practise spellings
- Practise handwriting by writing about an animal/creature, or creating their own fairy tale story
- Complete maths homework

**Reading:**

Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible. The Gingerbread Man by Lesley Sims is a great story about to start with. Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch him, he's the Gingerbread Man! But although he may be able to out-run everyone, can the Gingerbread Man outwit the cunning fox?

**Here are some fairy tales you can read with your child:**

- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- Beauty and the Beast
- Cinderella
- Sleeping Beauty
- The Princess and the Pea
- Peter Pan
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Pinocchio

Kind regards,

Mrs Banks, Mrs Lally and Miss Rahman  
Year 1 Teachers

**Homework**

Overview

**Reading**

Overview of what reading should be done at home and a brief synopsis of the class text.

Kind regards,

[Insert classroom teacher names here]