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Year Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Curriculum: Our half term topic is 'Will you tell me a story?' and the Early Years Foundation Stage areas will all be covered within this topic.

Memorable Experience: Mrs Arabella the storyteller from Clever Chimps will visit our school and the children will also take part in the 'Dinosaur Workshop'.

Literacy: We will be reading a variety of traditional tales and will learn how to re-tell them using story maps and actions. Mrs Arabella the story teller from clever chimps will tell us the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we will take part in writing activities linked to this story.

We will also be learning the stories of 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Chicken Licken', and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

We will continue with learning letter sounds during phase 3 phonics sessions. Children will focus on writing CVC words (such as cat, fox, and hen) with greater independence, using their phonic knowledge to spell the words. We will also begin to write simple captions.

Maths: We will be focusing on writing numerals to label a set of objects, comparing amounts using words such as more and less, and finding one more than a given number. We will also be learning about addition and we will add two groups of objects together and count the total amount.

We will continue to name 2D shapes and begin to recognise 3D shapes. We will identify 3D shapes when we look at pictures of castles and other buildings.

Understanding of the World: We will be planting beans and looking at how they change as they grow. We will be baking gingerbread men and will talk about what happens as we add the ingredients together to create the dough.

Expressive Art and Design: We will be using junk modelling to create our own castles. Please can parents/carers send in any cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes and bottle tops that they have. Thank you!

P.E: We will exploring using apparatus in the hall and explore moving in different ways such as rolling and jumping. Please can we remind parents to ensure that children have suitable PE kits in school which are clearly labelled with their name.

Panthers Class – PE on Tuesday
Rhino Class – PE on Wednesday
Meerkats Class – PE on Thursday

Thank you.