



Parent Leaflet Autumn 1

Classes: Penguins and Seaturtles

Topic- 'Once upon a time...'

Our power of reading text is:

'The Jolly Postman'



Our learning this half term:

We will be responding to our Power of Reading text, 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg, as well as retelling and exploring traditional tales

Some of our learning will include:

- Writing for a purpose (including letters, instructions and character descriptions).
- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 10 in numerals. Exploring addition and subtraction methods and comparing numbers using (>, <, =).
- Building 3D models using a working wheel and axle (Cinderella's Ball)
- Using simple fieldwork and identifying physical and human features in our local environment.
- Beginning to develop weaving and sewing skills including a basic running stitch.
- Identifying and labelling the human body and learning the associated body part for the 5 senses (sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste).

Ongoing learning:

- Daily phonics
- Reading and writing the Year 1 common exception words
- Individual reading with an adult
- Cursive style handwriting—letter formation
- Following the 4 bees (be kind, be caring, be respectful, be responsible)

Key dates or things to remember

- Please could all children bring in a named water bottle each day. A fruit/vegetable snack will be provided by the school which will be available to children during the day. If you wish to send your child in with a snack, please ensure this is a **fruit/vegetable** snack due to allergies.
- PE Days: Both classes Monday PM. Please could children come in wearing their P.E kit.
- Assemblies will be on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:55am.
- If you are able to donate any spare knickers/pants/socks we would really appreciate any donations- thank you.
- Please can all uniform be named, including P.E kit.
- We would like to welcome you to our share afternoon on Thursday 6th October. More information on this to follow!

Useful ways to support learning at home:

- Read little and often. Remember reading is about comprehension as well as decoding skills. Ask your child thought provoking questions about what they are reading.
- Encourage your child to go on Numbots to practise their Maths skills (usernames and passwords will be sent home soon for this)
- Encourage the use of Phonics Play to embed your child's phonic knowledge.
- Practise spellings at home (provided half-termly). Children should be able to apply these when writing simple sentences. If your child is confident in applying their spellings please practice writing spellings using cursive handwriting.

