

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed your holidays. Thank you for the homework that you have supported your child with over this time.

Our topic in Reception Class is called '**Once upon a time on a Nursery Rhyme (materials)**'. Within this topic, we will cover the areas outlined in the attached plan. We hope it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways you can support them at home. We will be organising a day to celebrate this topic and we will let you know when this will take place.

### **Reading**

Guided reading will be continuing on a weekly basis. Please ensure your child brings their books to school **every day** along with their reading diary so it is always accessible for us to hear your child read and change their book when required. Please share this book with your child by discussing the pictures, characters and what might happen next. These books have ideas in the back cover to help you with this. It would be great if you could record what you have read in the reading diary. Please note that these books are in sets of 6 and if your book is lost or damaged then there will be a charge of £5.00.

### **Phonics**

One of the ways children learn to read and write is by teaching phonics. We will be teaching Phase 3 phonics in Reception Class this term.

### **A gentle reminder for the end of the school day**

In Reception class, the children are learning how to follow routines, be independent and learn how to be responsible for their belongings.

We ask for your continued support and patience at the end of the school day when children are being dismissed from the playground. **It is of utmost importance that staff ensure children are reunited with their appropriate adult so please stand back from the line of children in the playground and refrain from calling out your child's name directly to them. The children have been instructed only to leave the line when a member of staff has dismissed them so please wait for a member of staff to call out your child's name so children can exit safely.**

### **Collecting your child**

We understand that it may be necessary for someone different to collect your child at the end of the day. Please ensure that you let us know at the beginning of the session or if it is an emergency by telephoning the office who will let us know who is collecting your child. We are unable to let children go home with anyone who has not been named in advance.

### **Junk Materials**

We would be grateful if parents could bring in the following boxes for the creative area - cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes, Pringle boxes, shoe boxes, yogurt pots, plastic bottle tops, egg boxes, soap boxes and kitchen rolls.

If there is anything important that you need to discuss with a member of the Early Years Team, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Class Team.