

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term our topic in Reception Class is called '**Traditional Tales and Rocking Rhymes**' and we will cover the areas outlined in the attached plan. We hope that the plan will be of use to you when discussing school with your child especially singing Nursery Rhymes and reading Fairy Tales together at home.

You can join Peckham Library to get up to 14 books to share with your child but there is the BBC website - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies> to access these as well using their search engine.

We will be organising an exciting day to celebrate this topic and we will let you know when this will take place!!!!

Class trips

The children will be going on trips outside of school as this will enrich their learning and we will inform you of the details nearer the time of the visits.

Reading

We also continue to welcome you to join us in class on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** to read and change your child's sharing book from **8:45am - 8:55am**. Please ensure your child brings their sharing and choosing books to school **every day** along with their reading diary so that we can hear your child read and change their book when required. Please share these books with your child by discussing the pictures, characters and what might happen next and place books and diary in the school book bag. Please sign the reading diary when you have read with your child. Please note that if your book is lost or damaged then there will be a charge of **£5.00**.

Phonics

Children learn to read and write through phonics. We will be continuing to reinforce phase 3 phonics and red words. These are also known as Common Exception Words. Please see the attached phonic sheet and '**red**' word list. This half term we will be learning '**zz**', '**qu**', '**ch**', '**sh**', '**th**' '**ng**' '**ai**'. The Parent portal for the FFT Phonics programme is: <https://parents.fft.org.uk/> which we hope you will find useful.

Parent sessions

This half term, we will be having a session on how to support your child with maths - this will be on **Tuesday 27th January** straight after the early reading session.

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 and we know that you will support us with this by encouraging your child at home.

We ask for your continued support and patience at the end of the school day when children are being dismissed from the playground.

At the end of the day it is of utmost importance that staff ensure children are reunited with their appropriate adult so please stand back from the classroom door and refrain from calling out your child's name directly to them and wait for Ms. Bonnici or Ms. Diane to call out your child's name so that they can be dismissed 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.