

Learning

This term our topic is 'Into the Woods.' We will be reading and working on a range of books including a mixture of traditional tales and modern classics. As part of this topic we will be doing a few trips within the local community to bring the books to life! If you are able to help on any of these dates please let your class teacher know. We will be spending lots of time getting to know each other, exploring the classroom environment and learning the school rules and routines.

Reading

At this stage of your child's development, reading every night to your child is very beneficial. To help you with this, the children will bring home a picture story book for you to share. The children will have the opportunity to change the book each day.

We will also send home a school reading book for the children to read to you. To begin with, this may be a book with a no words to allow the children to create the story from the pictures and get the sense of 'reading' a story. Please record when you have read with your child in their reading record. You should be aiming for 5 times a week. This book will be changed once a week by their teacher.

We will be participating in the school wide reading incentive scheme where the children work their way to different landmarks around the UK with rewards for each step of their journey. The children move to different landmarks by reading 5 times a week with an adult. We will monitor this by looking in their reading record.

Key Texts

Little Red Riding Hood - Traditional Tale No Dinner! - Jessica Souhami
Hansel and Gretel - Traditional Tale The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson

Enrichment Opportunities

Wednesday 15th Sept 2:30 – Meet the Teacher

An opportunity to find out more about the routines, expectations and how to help your child at home.

Wednesday 29th Sept 1:15 -2:45 – Windsor Class to Hargate Forest

Thursday 30th Sept 1:15 – 2:45 – Camber Class to Hargate Forest

After lunch we will be going into the woods to explore and investigate Hargate Forest. Pick up will be slightly earlier from the Forest entrance (more details to follow).

Tuesday 12th Oct 9:15 – Windsor Class to Sainsburys

Wednesday 13th Oct 9:15 – Camber Class to Sainsburys

A trip to our local supermarket to buy the ingredients for a gingerbread house and sweet decorations - I wonder which story we will be reading....

Friday 22nd Oct 2:30 – Open Afternoon – A Fairy tale Feast

We will be celebrating the end of this term and topic with a fairy tale feast. Parents and younger siblings are welcome.



Some other points...

- We ask that children do not bring in any toys or extra belongings from home as these often get lost or broken. During the transition into full-time school if your child requires a comforter we ask that it remains in their book bag during school hours.
- The children will always have the opportunity to be in our outside area so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. If you would prefer your child to wear wellingtons while playing in the rain then please bring them in a labelled carrier bag.
- We often find that the children get hungry during the day, therefore we would like to provide a carbohydrate snack alongside the daily fruit. **Please could each child bring in a snack to share with the class. These could include bread sticks, crackers, loaf of bread, muffins, crumpets.** These snacks will be stored in school and shared out daily with the fruit.
- **To enable us to provide fun experiences such as cooking and play dough we would like to ask for a small donation of £2 from each child. Please give this to your child's teacher.**