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'Learning at its heart'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first half-term of 2019 has flown by and was filled with many exciting experiences for the children. Once again we look forward to hearing all about the children's break and some of the things they have been getting up to.

We return to our new topic which will be under the heading of *'Once upon a time'* which will include several different traditional tales for us to have fun with! We will be exploring these stories and their structures as well as thinking about the particular features of these tales. This will also involve getting into the role of the characters to help us say how they might be feeling and predict what might happen next.

Weekly information

Mrs Hancock will continue to teach in Willow class and will be assisted by Miss Ellis. If you have any concerns, questions or queries that you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to speak to either of them at the end of the school day.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon and is led by Miss Ellis and supported by Mrs Glass. As the weather is still chilly the children will continue to need warmer layers of clothing. Gloves are essential as our fingers can get very cold. We do like to experience all weathers so they must be prepared! Please can you also make sure they bring a suitable coat that can get dirty as we would not want to ruin a new coat. Thank you.

PE

Miss Kay will continue to teach PE on a Tuesday. Please could your child have their PE kit in school at all times including a pair of socks as the girls have begun to wear tights we have had many without socks in their kits. If your child is attending an afterschool club where their kit is worn please can you ensure they bring their kit back the following day as we also have a PE lesson on a Friday.

Swimming

Year 1 children will continue swimming on a Friday along with the rest of the school. Miss Ellis will continue to support the Year 1's whilst Mrs Hancock remains at school with the Reception children. Please note that there is no swimming on the last 2 Fridays of this half term – 5th & 12th of April however swimming will resume the following half term as normal.





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Reading Books

Year 1 will continue to read daily and their books will be changed depending upon their comprehension of the text. At this point in the year we are focussing on their understanding of what they have read. Please ask questions about the text as well as ensuring they understand the meaning of the words they are reading especially if they are new or unfamiliar to them. Please could you make sure that your child has their reading book in their Book Bag every day. Please continue to record your comments when your child has read with you and we also would encourage reading to be shared as often as possible.

Reception children will continue to follow our reading scheme and will bring books home to share with you. Please read as often as possible with your child, this could include you reading their school book to them or reading a different book at bed time. We really appreciate your support at home and it really does make a difference to your child's confidence with their reading.

Homework

Year One children will continue to have a 'Pick and Mix' style homework which will support the learning taking place in the classroom. The children continue to enjoy sharing their homework in the class towards the end of each week and they enjoy the praise offered from their friends. We really appreciate the support provided with this. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult to support their developing literacy skills.

Reception children will continue to be provided with a set of tricky red words. We encourage these to then be applied into a short sentence once they are able to segment and blend. Last half-term we sent these words home in their yellow folders. We will aim to provide a small book to support this now we are all moving onto writing words and sentences more frequently.

We value your continuing support with your children's learning. If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to come in to talk to either Mrs Hancock or Miss Ellis.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hancock and Miss Ellis

