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Reception Newsletter
w/c 6th November 2023

Dear Saxon families,

It was lovely to meet so many of you at our Parent Consultation meetings last week. We hope you found them useful.

Reading Books, library books and phonics home learning

Just a reminder that reading books and phonics learning will continue to be sent home on a Friday. Please ensure these are returned each Wednesday, along with your child's library book. We visit the library bus every Wednesday.

From this week, reading books will match your child's phonics level. These books will be introduced during the week in our 'Guided Reading' sessions. It is crucial that these books are re-read at home to consolidate learning and build comprehension and understanding. The children will be very excited to show off their super reading with you and will hopefully feel empowered by accessing a book they are familiar with.

Nativity 2023 – “Whoops a Daisy Angel”

We are delighted to announce that preparations for this year's Reception Nativity performance are in full swing! We will be performing “Whoops a Daisy Angel” on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. More information regarding timings and how to attend will follow.

Please do check your child's book bag this week for a letter detailing their part and costume requirements. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Learning:

- **Our topic for this term is 'Fairytales'**

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

English

In Our English learning this term, we will be exploring a wide range of fairy tales. We will also read lots of the same fairy tales written by different authors. You can support this at home by also sharing fairy tales together and picking up on key language such as “once upon a time” and “they all lived happily ever after...” Can you retell and act out favourite fairy tales through play? Can you create your own fairy tale?

Maths

This week we are learning to identify number bonds to 5.

Examples of questions/stem sentences used in class: “How many ways can you make the number 5?”

If you would like any further information on Maths at Saxon, please refer to the Saxon Maths website:
<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>



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Through our classroom provision, this week we will also be focusing on the following:

- UW (Understanding the World) – thinking about fairytale environments, looking for signs of Autumn
- PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)- “Celebrating Difference: What am I good at?”, Friendship and Kindness Week
- EAD (Expressive arts and design) – Using story language to enhance our play, creating fairytale scenes and settings
- PD (Physical development)-This term we will continue to develop ‘Body Management’ skills
- RE (Religious Education) – Why do we have celebrations?

Notices/Reminders:

- We will be exploring a range of fairy tales this term. If your child has a fairy-tale book at home that they would like to bring in to share at story time, we would love to read it!
- Please scan the **QR code** below to join the Reception Parents WhatsApp group:



- Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions. Class teachers can be contacted via info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Maths home learning - something to try at home

How many ways can you represent the number 5?

The Numberblocks are an excellent resource to support early number awareness and development. Here is a link to an episode all about the number five:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08d630h/numberblocks-series-1-five?seriesId=b08bzg8q>

Kind Regards,
Reception Team
Mrs Bright, Mrs Morley and Miss Glaves