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Reception Newsletter
w/c 20th November 2023

Dear RGM and RB families,

The children loved dressing up in their spotty clothes on Friday! Thank you for all your generous donations for BBC Children in Need.

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. Children reading at home (and hearing someone read stories to them) is the best way to support their learning in school – every minute reading helps!

The reading books 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. At the moment we are focussing on recognising the sounds in a word and then blending them together to read the word.

Dates for your diaries

On **Friday 24th November** Reception are having a Fairy Tale Dress Up Day! Children may dress up as a Fairy Tale character or wear clothing/accessories linked to this theme. Please ensure children wear appropriate and comfortable shoes for running around in, such as trainers.

As PE is timetabled on a Friday we will play some Fairy Tale-related games so PE Kit that day is not required. Please ask if you have any questions.

Reception Nativity: A reminder that 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.

Learning:

- **Our topic for this term is ‘Fairy Tales’**

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?

Request for donations

The Reception children love arts and crafts activities! To support them in this we would really appreciate any donations of craft resources; **craft lollipop sticks, pom poms, foam shapes, paper squares, sequins, coloured paper/card, poster paints etc.** If you have any of these (or similar) lying around at home not being used please consider us! Thank you so much.



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We would also appreciate any donations of dressing up costumes. These are also loved by the Reception children and our current stash is looking a bit tired! Thank you.

Maths

This week we are looking at number stories and encouraging the children to solve simple problems using numbers to 10, by using resources to recreate the problem and talking through their methods.

For example, "Little Red Riding Hood made 3 buns for her grandma. Her mum made 2. How many buns did they make altogether?"

"Jack's goose lay 5 golden eggs. The giant took one away for his lunch. How many eggs are left?"

If you would like any further information on Maths at Saxon, please refer to the Saxon Maths website:

<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>

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?", We will also follow on our learning about friendship and kindness.
- EAD (Expressive arts and design) – Using story language to enhance our play, creating fairy tale 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 do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions or concerns. Class teachers can be contacted via info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Maths home learning - something to try at home

How many ways can you make the number 5?

You could challenge further by extending the number to 10.

There are some lovely interactive maths games here for children to access at home. We use these in school so children will already be familiar with some of them.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Kind Regards,

Reception Team

Mrs Bright, Mrs Morley and Miss Glaves