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Reception Newsletter **w/c 27th November 2023**

Dear RGM and RB families,

The children loved dressing up in their fairy tale clothes on Friday! They also enjoyed a little surprise visit from Little Red Riding Hood last week.

Reading provision in the classroom

We are very lucky to have reading volunteers throughout the week in Reception. Please could you leave the Reading Record and book in your child's book bag every day. Thank you for your support in this.

Reception Nativity

A reminder that we will be performing "Whoops a Daisy Angel" on **Wednesday 13th December** and **Thursday 14th December**. Please click the following link to book your tickets:

<https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool/1069306>

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.

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 revisiting patterns in our maths sessions. We will encourage the children to use the following vocabulary – pattern, repeating, objects, shape, counting and one to one correspondence. We will continue to practise counting up to 20 focussing on the teen numbers. The children will have the



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opportunity to make lots of patterns using real resources such as pinecones, sticks and stones. Key questions this week are: 'What is next in your pattern?', 'Can you continue your pattern?' and 'What is a pattern?'

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: Families - I know we are all different but the same in some ways
- 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) – Christianity and celebrating Christmas.

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
- A polite reminder that children can bring in one healthy snack a day for our snack time. We do have fresh fruit and vegetables available daily.

Maths home learning - something to try at home

Can you carefully count to 20, emphasizing the 'teen' in 13 14 15 16 17 18 19?

Can you create a pattern with objects in your house? You could use pasta shapes, leaves, stones etc.

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

