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Dear Reception Families,

Welcome back! We hope all our children and their families had a wonderful half term. We are commencing our final term in Reception and excited about the adventures the children will embark on for our new theme, Fairytales. This term we will also begin transition activities and have plenty of discussions about moving into Year 1 in order to support a smooth transition for all our children. To prepare the children for the next step in their learning journey we will begin to visit the Year One classrooms and environment as a class, while the current Year One children have their PE lessons.

Learning: Each week we will focus on a new Fairytale. Our first story will be Jack and the Beanstalk.

Communication, Language & Literacy: We will learn new vocabulary from the story including **harp, chopping, suddenly, clambering, vines** and **stem**.

Phonics: In phonics we will continue to reinforce the sounds we have learnt so far, following the Phase 2 and 3 Little Wandle phonics scheme. We will also continue to read Phase 4 words including toast, paint, bright, flight, sport, gloom, brown and storm.

In Year 1 the children will learn many new sounds, including alternative digraphs for sounds (such as /ai/ or /ay/) so it is important for them to have a secure understanding of the Reception sounds before they start. Please refer to the Little Wandle website for more information on how we teach Phonics <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>.

Handwriting: We will learn how to form letters from the zig zag family.

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| | Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top. |
| | Down and up and down and up the waves. |
| | From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again, across the box to the bottom. |

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Maths: We will look at sharing objects (the first step for dividing). We will also practice writing numbers to 10 and counting up to 30 aloud.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – We will plant our own beans and find out how to take care of a plant from seed to shoot.

- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – Our PSHE topic this term is Changing Me. The first session will focus on understanding that everyone is unique and special. We will also name and label parts of the body.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – We will design and decorate our own Giant's castle and have a go at building castles using junk modelling materials.

- **PD (Physical development)** - Our first couple of PE sessions will help prepare the children for their first Sports Day on 17th June. Events will include the egg and spoon race, bean bag throwing and a running race.

Notices and reminders:

-Please send in any boxes and cardboard tubes you have to support our castle-building activity. Thank you.

-Sports Day – Wednesday 17th June at 2 o'clock

Sports Day for Reception will take place on Wednesday 17th June at 2 o'clock, alongside our nursery school leavers. The children will take part in different obstacle course races and a running race at the end, if they would like to. The children will be expected to come into school in their PE kits with their house coloured t-shirts on. These t-shirts must be plain tops, no football shirts, and no tops with logos. Please contact the class teacher office if you do not know which house your child is in. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis