



Cygnets Newsletter Jan '24



Our theme for this half term is 'Best loved stories and rhymes' followed by 'Monsters and dinosaurs' in the second half term.

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a great Christmas and wish you all a happy new year. May we take this opportunity to say thank you again for the Christmas wishes and gifts we received, they were so thoughtful and kind.

This half term our learning will be based upon the theme 'best loved stories, we will be sharing nursery rhymes and fairy stories to inspire our learning of castle life, Kings, Queens and knights whilst having fun as story players and tellers. Stories we will focus on this half term include The Paper bag Princess, George and the Dragon, Cinderella and The Princess and the Wizard. The second half term learning will be based on the theme 'monsters and dinosaurs'. This is always a popular theme where children love to learn about dinosaurs and complete challenges on some well-known story book monsters including the Gruffalo.

The children will have the opportunity to use lots of different media to aid gross and fine motor skills, practising recognition of initial sounds and letters and learning about rhyming words. Keep singing nursery rhymes at home! We will continue to practise all Jolly Phonics sounds and apply them in reading and writing. We will focus on writing both individual words as well as beginning to write short sentences and continue to practise precursive letter formation. Through a range of play activities, the children will be inspired in their number learning as well as understanding of capacity, length, height and shapes. We will continue to focus on numbers 0-5, learning how to represent these and to find bonds for these numbers. Cygnets will continue to practise subitising numbers up to 5 and then to develop their understanding of numbers to 10. In addition, the children will have daily 'mini-maths' sessions to aid understanding of number. The children will be encouraged and praised for collaboration, learning to share, taking turns and taking care of our resources and classroom environment. The creative skills of the children will continue to develop as we paint, chalk, draw, colour, cut and stick in small and large artwork. We will continue to develop computing skills using different equipment including iPads and we focus on computer safety especially in regard to the internet. We look forward to a great term of fun and learning as we continue to build our learning power muscles.

Forest Schools will take place on the following Monday afternoons

29/1, 5/2 and 12/2

26/2, 4/3 and 11/3

Reminders:

Monday - forest schools (see above)

Tuesday- dance and French

Wednesday- PE

Thursday- Library exchange

Thank you for your continued support.

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