

# Welcome to Cygnet class

## Our theme this half term is **Best Loved Stories**

We hope you had a wonderful 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. Our topic of 'best loved stories and rhymes' is already a popular one! We will continue to develop imagination, literacy and numeracy skills through drawing club, and communication and role play skills in our role play area. Through a range of play activities, the children will be inspired in their number learning. They will practise number recognition, counting, adding and subtracting.

Maths	<u>6, 7 &amp; 8</u> —find and represent 6, 7 and 8. Make pairs (odd and even). Double to 8 (find and make a double). <u>Mass and Capacity</u> —compare mass, find a balance, explore capacity.
English	We will be recapping phonemes and digraphs already learnt as well as learning to read the tricky words. Children will continue to practise writing their names and precursive letters. Children will spell words by identifying sounds in them and represent the sounds with letters. They will begin to write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
Understanding the World	We will learn about China and the Chinese new year. We will explore winter in the forest. Religious Education —Learning will be focused on the topic 'How can we help others when they need it?'. Within this topic we will explore stories Jesus told such as the Good Samaritan and discuss how it is special for Christians.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques as we create art based on our topic. Children will share their creations and explain the process. Cygnetts will move in time to music in dance.
Physical Development	Regular mark making and handwriting practise following the Letterjoin precursive letter scheme. PE lessons focused on games and dance, to move energetically, negotiating space and develop strength and coordination.
French	Cygnetts will continue to learn numbers, colours and greetings. They will begin to learn animal names.
PSHE/No outsiders	Manage their own hygiene and personal needs, including dressing and going to the toilet. Work and play cooperatively with others. Be confident to try new activities and show independence. We are learning who is in our family and that all families are different.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, book bag and waterproof coat.

### USEFUL APPS

- White Rose maths (free)
- Numberblocks (some free)
- Jolly phonics (£9.99)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- Library books are changed on a Thursday.
- Forest school dates—Monday 26.01.26, 2.02.26 and 9.02.26
- Look and share 5.02.26 3:30-4:00 and 6.02.25 8:30-9:00
- Last day of half term 13.02.26

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