



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that your children are ready to start a new and exciting term in Reception.

What are we learning this term?

The texts that we will be looking at this term are *The Gingerbread Man* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned for your children to become independent learners and story tellers. Throughout the term your child will have the opportunity to make up their own stories, develop their story writing and join in with lots of creative and fun independent activities.

We will also be looking at the topic 'Superheroes' and 'People Who Help Us' due to lots of the children being very interested in superheroes during their play. We will be visiting a fire station during the term to talk about the job of being a 'Firefighter'. If you or a relative have a job that you think will lend itself to our topic, please let us know if you would like to come in and share what you do with the children. (e.g. vet, doctor, postal worker, milkman/lady, paramedic, etc.)

Clothing/P.E kit/Coats

A gentle reminder, it is still very important to ensure that all uniform, P.E kits and coats are clearly labelled. We always participate in activities both inside and outside, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all occasions and seasons.

The children in Reception learn through play and exploring, therefore messy play is an important aspect of their development. We encourage the children to do this independently, using an apron, but sometimes the children forget and their clothes will get dirty. This is all part of the fun, so apologies for any messy clothes.

Reading and home school contact books

Reading is a very important part of your child's learning therefore we ask that you read with your child at least 4 times a week and share other stories with them too.

Key Words and Phonic Fans

Please practise key words from the booklet and phonic cards, as often as you can as well. We can tell you have been practising at home and it's having a huge impact on their reading so thank you. 😊

Many thanks,

The Reception Team 😊