





Fireflies and Dragonflies Newsletter Spring 1



CLASS INFORMATION

The staff teaching in Dragonflies are; Miss Hartley, Miss Burton and Miss Leivers (Wed).

There will be some changes in Fireflies after half term. Mrs Brakes will be teaching on Monday, Wednesday PM and Friday. Miss Stevenson F2 Lead, who is returning from maternity leave will be teaching on Tuesdays, Wednesday am and Thursdays. Mrs Cresswell is absent due to illness at present. We wish her a speedy recovery and we anticipate that she will be returning after half term.



Spring Term



TOPIC

Our topic this half term is 'Traditional Tales.' Children will;

- be listening to many different stories but we will focus on 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Little Red Riding Hood';
- be involved in building bridges and castles and exploring which materials make the strongest structures;
- will have the opportunity to make stick puppet characters to retell known stories or create their own:
- We will be discussing healthy foods for 'Grandma's basket' and also doing some baking!



PE/UNIFORM

Both classes have PE on a Wednesday after-

noon. Children will need a t-shirt and pair of shorts.

Please can you make sure everything is labelled with their name.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

If you have any spare clothes that you no longer need, please consider donating them to us in Foundation! They are so handy to be able to change children into, if they get wet or dirty.

READING

Do you have a spare half an hour? Our children would really benefit from extra reading practise and they love reading to an adult. Please speak to any member of staff if you are able to give any time to help.

ENGLISH

We will be developing our story language skills to retell and create our own stories, using puppets and role play. Children are going to describe characters and use speech bubbles to write what they would say.

In writing we are focussing on short captions and sentences as well as different types of writing such as lists, letters and ingredients for a recipe.

DIARY

Chinese New Year Activities– 27th January

Reading Reward Party— Friday 10th February

Pancake Day – 28th February

Parents Evening:

Monday 13th March

Wednesday 15th March



MATHS

We are continuing to count, recognise numerals and common shapes and complete the daily calendar. In number work there will be a focus on addition and subtraction number problems, using apparatus to help. Children will be involved in comparing sizes, using positional language and taking part in surveys within the topic 'Traditional Tales.'