



Year One Newsletter

Autumn - Second Half-term

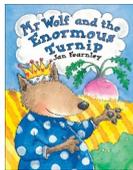
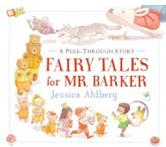


Welcome back!

The children have made an amazing start in the first half of the Autumn term and we are excited to see how this continues during the second half. This half-term we will initially continue to work with children in small groups before gradually introducing some more whole class learning sessions. We have started to set challenges during our Maths and English sessions so that when the children are not working with an adult they will be engaged in practical tasks to consolidate and further develop their learning in these areas. This is a step on from what the children have experienced previously, but they have already amazed us by rising to the challenge of our new expectations and astounded us with their independence, resilience and love of learning.

This half term ...

Our topic for this half term is 'Once Upon A Time' and will focus on traditional tales. The children will become very familiar with these stories by listening to, watching, using puppets and participating in drama around these stories. We will be using the book 'Fairytales for Mr Barker' by Jessica Ahlberg to introduce some of the tales and will look at 'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip' as an alternative version of a traditional tale. Later the children will be writing their own version of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' story using the book 'There is no Dragon in This Story' by Lou Carter as a stimulus. We are hoping that these stories will be ready for the children to share with you on Friday on Friday 30th November!



Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents who have been able to come in and volunteer in class and to those of you who were involved in our fabulous Festival of Flight! If you would like to help, either through working with the children or in making resources for the children to use, then please talk to your child's teacher.

Reminders

All children should have a named water bottle in school every day. These are sent home at the end of the day to be washed and refilled.



Please check your child's uniform and PE kit to ensure that name labels are still intact and have not rubbed off. As the cold weather arrives please ensure hats, gloves and scarves are also clearly named.



Homework

Please continue to use Bug Club with your child. The comprehension tasks and questions are great!



Reading

The expectation in Year 1 is that you will listen to your child read each day and will ask them questions about what they have read using the VIPERS information that we sent out last half-term. As some of the children are now reading longer books, it may take a few days to read and so it may not be appropriate for them to change their book every day. If your child is working on building fluency, then it is a good idea for them to keep their book for a second day to re-read it. In addition to this, it is essential that the children have regular opportunities to practise their new Teddy, Rocket, Penguin words and revisit those that they have already learnt to read.

Spellings

The children have made a super start with their spellings. Please continue to help your child to practise these spellings for a short time each day. Please use the ideas that we sent out last half term to make this fun and remember to return spelling books to school EVERY day.

Dates for your diary



Christmas Performances

This year, Year 1 are performing 'Midwife Crisis'. The children will be asked whether or not they would like a speaking part and we aim to accommodate all of their wishes. Auditions start next week!

The two Year 1 performances are on **12th and 13th December**. More details to follow.

