



Reception Newsletter



Friday 9th February 2024

I can't believe we have come to the end of another term – the children are officially half way through their first year at school.

We have loved our topic of 'Once Upon a Time' – it has really gripped the children's imaginations and enriched their Literacy and Language development.

What have we been up to?

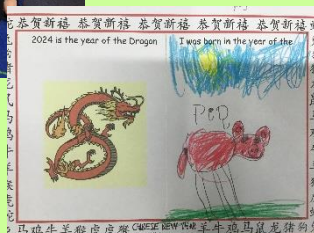
We enjoyed reading The Three Little Pigs. We designed strong houses outside and the Big Bad Wolf came to test them.



We read Cinderella and used our fabulous writing skills to retell the story.



In RE we listened to the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6 1-14). We made fishes out of clay and baked our own bread rolls. We drew pictures of Jesus feeding the crowd.



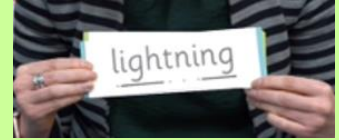
We have learned about Chinese New Year. We found out if we were born in the year of the dog or pig. We made beautiful lanterns and watched a fantastic show and tell from Elodie (Y2).

Phonics

We have been learning these sounds: **air er**

We have been learning to read the tricky words **are sure pure**

We have been learning to chunk a longer word which means to break up and read it one part (chunk) at a time, to avoid being overwhelmed and to ease the process of blending)



Phonics homework

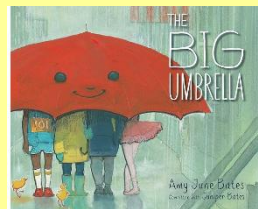
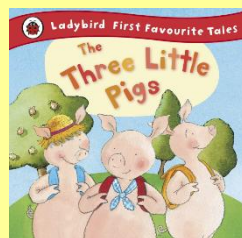
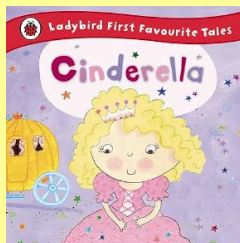
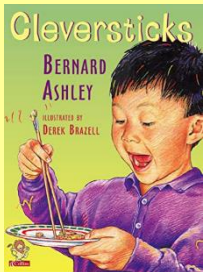
We are sending home phonics homework for over half term. The children will bring home (in book bags) either phase 2 or 3 tricky word cards or both, depending on the reading level of your child. Please feel free to chop up the cards to use as flashcards, this might be easier if you are working on a couple of words at a time.

Please note, Tricky words are words that cannot easily be decoded ('sounded out' and read). I have attached a tricky word rules document to support you with this at home. Please help your child understand which part of the word is playing a trick, they love being a tricky word detective in class.

Please note: if your child was absent today or left early, I will email the homework directly.

Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books and rhymes we have been enjoying this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos – the children absolutely love them!

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Next term we will be starting our new topic of Growing. This topic will include human and animal growth as well as plants and seeds. We will start by reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

We are hoping our new mud kitchen area will be installed over half term. We are on the lookout for items to resource this area. We are in need of metal pots, pans, bowls and utensils as well as a dolls crockery tea set. We are also looking for a free standing water container with a tap, this sort of thing... If you have anything which may be useful please let me know.



We hope you all have a wonderful half term break.