

### Home Reader books

Children have enjoyed taking a range of reading books home. Can you please ensure you read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers,

### Phonics

This term the children will be exposed to digraphs and triagraphs in their phonics learning. Please help your child to identify the diagraphs\* and triagraphs\* in their reading books and use them to decode and segment new words. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's learning.

\*Diagraph- Two letters that make one sound  
Triagraphs- three letters that make one sound.

### Forest Schools

Children in Reception are planning to carry out forest school activities where the classroom is taken into the woodlands. We will be incorporating the learning done in class outside, and the children will be developing lots of skills outdoors with nature.



Olive School

## EYFS Newsletter



Once upon a time.....

## This half terms topic is 'Once Upon a Time'

The children will be learning about

- Traditional tales such as *The Gingerbread man* and *Jack and the beanstalk*.
- The language used in these stories
- We will be completing drama activities related to traditional tales.
- In art, children will be creating pictures of characters/scenes from traditional tales.
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### Literacy

This half term in Literacy the children will be looking at traditional tales. They will learn about the language used in this genre and will be unpicking the tales with focus on the characters. Different traditional tales will be read and will give the children a chance to innovate and make the stories their own. During this term the children will also get a chance to learn about some of the characters in real life context for example *Three Billy Goats Gruff* will be read and there will be a focus on creating a non-fiction text on goats.

### Trip

As part of our learning on traditional tales and in particular the story of '*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*', we will be visiting Smithalls Farm on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The children will be learning facts around farm animals and get to experience life on a farm.

### Numeracy

In numeracy we will continue to secure our counting and number skills. This half term we will be looking at how we can share a group of objects between 2 and three groups. We will also be securing one more and less than a given number and look further into adding and subtracting numbers up to 20 and beyond. The value of money will also be explored again, where the children will be involved in adding simple amounts. Apart from this we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes where the children will learn to name and state some properties of each shape.

What you can do to help your child.



Talk to and ask your child about their learning in school.  
Help your child with their weekly homework.  
Ask your child about the letter sound or digraph they have been learnt that day.  
Help your child to learn to read and write the words in their reading rockets.  
Listen to your child read regularly.  
Read books to your child so that they can hear and interact with story language and characters.  
Ensure you work with your child on their literacy and maths targets.  
Use the Bug Club website frequently so that your child has access to a range of books.

**Thank you for your continued support!**