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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the warm weather. We have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Our topic this half term is 'Once Upon a Time' and the children will be learning about traditional stories – how they are written, who are the good and bad characters, what a story setting is, how to retell the stories in their own way and create their own alternative endings.

The table below shows which story we will be focusing on each week.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Jack and Beanstalk	The Three Little Pigs	The Elves and the Shoemaker	Little Red Riding Hood	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	The Magic Porridge Pot

The attached overview provides more detail about what the children will be learning across the different areas of the reception curriculum.

PE

Hopefully you have already seen the memo on tapestry about the children starting PE on Friday 23rd April. Lessons will take place on the field during the first half term we will be practising the games that the children need to learn for sports day. The children will need to bring the following **named** kit into school;

- Black or navy shorts
- White t shirt
- Black pumps or trainers (no laces unless your child can tie them)
- Plain black or navy sweatshirt and plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms

Phonics and reading

To ensure that all the children's next steps in phonics are met, we are now delivering morning phonics sessions (about 20 minutes long) in groups across reception. The children have already got used to these new groups and have enjoyed learning with friends from other classes. Please remember that your child can change their reading book on a Tuesday and Friday – they just need to pop it in the reading book box inside their wallet. When your child's class teacher uploads a reading observation on tapestry please ensure that when you read with your child you reply to the original observation rather than creating a new one – this way we can see that your child has read the book provided and followed the comments/next steps given. Your child still has access to books online via Bug Club and we would encourage you to do this at least once a week with your child.

Tapestry

You may have seen a reduction in the number of tapestry observations that are being uploaded for your child. This is because as we get used to the new Early Adopter approach to the Early Years we are spending more time moving the children's learning forward and supporting them as needed, rather than using valuable time recording every piece of learning on tapestry.

Please remember that special learning your child completes at home is really important too, so if your child has shown a new skill or done something independently for the first time please share it with us via tapestry. This helps us to build a comprehensive picture of your child's learning.

Sun hats and water bottles

As the weather is hopefully getting warmer now please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle into school every day. This should be named and not be kept inside their book bag in case it leaks.

You may also wish to provide your child with a sun hat for when they are playing and learning outside. Please ensure this is clearly named. Your child can bring sun cream to school but must be able to apply it themselves and not share it with anyone else. A better solution is to apply 8 hour sun cream at home before coming to school.

If you have any questions about this term's learning please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards
The Reception Team

