

Year 1 / 2  
**CHIPMUNK CLASS**  
**NEWSLetter**  
January 2018



**Welcome back – to a new year and a new school term.**

Our topic for the first half term is ‘**Once Upon a Time**’. We will be looking at traditional tales/fairy stories, this will involve looking at story structures, the settings and characters and then writing our own versions. We will also link our science, history (Kings & Queens) , geography, design and technology to this topic where possible.

After Half term our topic will be ‘**The Bear Necessities**’ which will again have a mainly English focus but incorporate other subjects too.

### **Home learning & support**

Thank you so much for the amazing support you have given us and your child in listening to them read at home. This means they are making great progress in reading which helps them in all subjects in school, not just English.

Please encourage your child to take their time with each book, discussing the pictures and plot, predicting what may happen next, suggesting alternative endings and discussing the book at the end, thinking about what they liked and

didn’t like about the story or information. It is also helpful to re-read a book at least once to improve their fluency and understanding once they are more confident with the words.

All of this is more valuable to a child’s progress in reading and in creating a love of reading and books than racing through the books just to get on to the next level.

We are also introducing a half-termly homework ‘menu’ which will be sent in the first week. There will be around 6 activities or tasks linked to our topic. These will range from creative activities and practical challenges to learning a specific skill. The idea is that the children (and adults!) choose at least three of the tasks from the menu, picking the ones that appeal to you the most. These are then completed one at a time by the given dates. The children will earn team points and gold class sticker for any tasks they complete.

We will also continue to send home spellings to be tested in class the following week. Please continue to support your children in practising these.

**PE** – will remain on Tuesday afternoons.

**Collective Worship** – Chipmunk class will be presenting on 29<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> March. You are invited to attend our Worship at 9am and then join us in class until 10.25am if you wish.

### **Keeping in touch**

If you wish to speak to us about anything at all to do with your child, please come and see us in the playground before or after school or email the school office and we will reply or phone you if you prefer.

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