

Dear Fairy Godmother

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you had a lovely summer. We are very pleased with how well the children have settled and have had a fabulous first couple of weeks.

This term, our work will be based around fairytales and our core text will be 'Dear Fairy Godmother'. We have already looked at The Gingerbread Man and we have made our very own gingerbread men!

Fabulous Finish: As a fun way to end this term's learning journey, we will be having a fairy tale dress up day. On this day, we will also be showing parents and carers the fairy tales we have read and what we have learnt in a fantastic performance! This will be our Fabulous Finish. This will be on Wednesday 20th October 2:15pm – 2.45pm. The children can come in dressed up on the day.

In English we will be using the story 'Dear Fairy Godmother' as a stimulus to write. The story involves different fairy tale characters describing their woes to the Fairy Godmother who acts as an agony aunt to help solve the problems. The children will be writing letters with ideas and suggestions for different characters from familiar stories, starting with the poor Gingerbread Man who just keeps being chased for smelling so tasty! What can he do?

We will be using our phonic sounds to help us. We will talk about using finger spaces between words, as well as where to use a capital letter and a full stop.

In maths we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards, finding one less than a number, comparing numbers and objects and ordering numbers and objects in fun and exciting ways, using resources to help us.

In Science, we will be exploring our enquiry skills; doing some observing over time, using simple equipment, performing simple tests and sorting.

Useful information / reminders:

PE days for both classes are Tuesday and Friday.

Please can ALL children's clothing and belongings be named; it really is helpful when we are changing for PE and at the end of the day. Thank you :)

Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle with only water in it. Please can we have home link books and banded books on your allocated day as well as library books back on a Friday to change. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

- Fabulous Finish: 20th October
- INSET day: Friday 22nd October

Please refer to the school website for any additional dates for your diary.