



# Year R News-Term 3

Phoenix Community Primary School



## News

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you all had a great rest over the holidays. We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term ahead.

We have an exciting new topic this term.

In Term 3 we will be looking at Journeys through Traditional Tales. Therefore each week we will focus on a different traditional tale and children will have the opportunity to complete a wide range of activities themed around a familiar story. We will act stories out and write and tell our own versions.

The stories we will look at this term include—The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man

We are desperately hoping the weather will be kind this term so we can make the most of our outside learning space. But we will still go out regardless. We are planning some den building in our forest school area to make our own three little pigs houses.

Ways in which you can help your child with this topic would be to read them other versions of traditional tales and then encourage them to retell stories they have learnt at school. Acting out a story with toys and puppets is a great way for children to use story telling techniques.

## Literacy

The children have now learnt all the letter names and sounds and are practising blending these together to make simple three letter words consonant, vowel consonant words. We focus on segmenting the individual sounds and then blending them together to read the whole word. This helps us with our writing too.

We are now starting to write simple sentences through scaffolding the structure of a sentence.

## Maths



Much of our Maths teaching will continue to be through play based activities. We will also be using Number Blocks as starting points to our teaching. This term we will extend our numbers to 20 and continue counting beyond. We are starting to apply addition and subtraction concepts to our learning as well as combining sets of numbers. We will be looking at identifying shapes and repeating patterns

## Phonics & Reading

In Reception we will be using Read, Write Ink, to teach the children their sounds, this term they will be learning digraphs—two letters to make one sound.



Please read with your child and ensure you write in their purple book so we can change their reading books regularly. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home with your child. Please also read them a bedtime story, it is precious time together.

**PE—** Takes place every Friday. Children are to come into school in their PE kits with a school jumper. Plain black joggers or leggings in this colder weather, not patterns or colours please.



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## Important Dates

Term 3 – 8th January to 9th February

Half term

Term 4– 19th February– 28th March

The school day starts at 8:40 and the register is taken at 8:50.

The children will bring home letters and their work in their book bags. Please look in their book bags regularly as they can get quite full of all their achievements!

I cannot stress how important it is to read with your child regularly at home. This will promote the love of reading as well as benefit their reading ability.

## Term 4 Topic

Our topic in term 4 is 'People and Vehicles Who Help us'.

We will be looking at the different organisations who help us including the RNLI, Ambulance service, Police, Fire Service, Builders, Farmers and Vets.

In term 4 we have several exciting trips to enhance our learning.

We are planning a trip to Littlestone Lifeboat station and Dungeness lighthouse, we will also have a visit from a doctor to tell us all about their job and then on the 13th March we will be having a visit to Mrs Lockwood's working farm to seeing the lambing.



## Outside Learning

The children will have access to the outside area during their Challenge sessions every-day, in all weathers.



Please ensure that you provide your child with suitable coats and footwear, if possible a pair of wellingtons that could stay at school.

Outdoor learning is a great way for children to explore and enquire about their environment. We will spend lots of time outside!



## Books

Please encourage your child to look at or read a variety of books. Sharing books together with your child is a rewarding experience for all. Children love a trip to the library and a bedtime story. We love when children bring in a story book to share with the class!

## Home Learning

Home Learning is given out on Friday to be returned the following week by Thursday. These activities are a chance for you to talk about what your child has been learning and for you to share an activity based on our topic to be completed at home with your child.

## Maps

The whole school topic is Maps and so in Penguins we will be looking at maps through Traditional tales and the journeys that the story characters take. We will make our own maps to show different features and symbols of maps.