

## Term 3 Overview: A Land far far away



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited that our term 3 topic will be 'In a land far, far away...' The topic will include some well-loved tales such as *Goldilocks and the three bears*, *Jack & the Beanstalk*, *The 3 Little Pigs* and many more. A topic web on the website outlines in more detail what they will learn this term in relation to this theme, however our main focus will be:

- To orally retell simple stories such as the 'Three Little Pigs' and ask questions about stories and events. We will begin to understand and use 'why' and 'how' questions and think about why things happen.
- To continue to practise segmenting, however there will be a focus on blending sounds to read a word.
- To recognise keywords by sight.
- To write phrases and sentences using their sounds to spell.
- To develop Shape, Space and Measure - through investigating and exploring weight, height, length, time, 3D shapes and money
- To develop Number skills through estimating, recapping addition and introducing subtraction
- Learning about the world around us through Chinese New Year.
- Exploring the world around us through local welly walks
- To develop thinking skills through investigations through play provision and our STEM week. Children will design and make their own vehicles.



We appreciate that evenings can get very busy but any time that you can spend reading at home with your child will be beneficial. Even just a few minutes a day will have a real impact. Also, learning keywords are just as important, therefore we will begin giving out special keyword certificates to encourage children to practise these at home and reward them for their hard work.

Please see below for some of the key events within Early Years during Term 3:

- Stay & Play session in your child's class - every Friday from 8.35am - 9.15am starting Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January
- STEM WEEK 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January - Focus on designing an alternative fuel/e-car.
- Chinese New Year W/c 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Parent Curriculum Meeting which will cover Reading, Writing, Phonics & Maths -  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 5.15-6.15pm**

During term 3 we hope to go on some welly walks therefore please make your sure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor shoes available, at the ready. These do not need to be kept in school and we will let you know when they are needed.

We hope that you find this information useful and please remember that we are always available if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team