

# Reception News

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need. It was lovely to see the children dressed up in their spotty and colourful clothes. Thank you also for all the donations to the charity.

This week we are continuing with our 'Once Upon a Time' theme and will be reading 'Goldilocks & the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will also be talking about 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' as part of maths this week.

We have started practicing for our 'Twinkly Nativity'. The children are working really hard to learn the songs. They should have all brought a letter home last week with details of their part in the nativity as well as costume requirements and lines (if they have lines). If you have any questions about costumes, please ask. If your child has lines, please could you help them to learn their lines at home. We are doing lots of practices at school, but it really helps if the children know at least some of their lines. If your child didn't bring a letter home last week, please let us know.

## **This week we are learning:**

**Phonics** – we are having a week to consolidate all of the sounds and tricky words that we have learned. We have now finished phase 2 and will be moving on to phase 3 next week. There are more sounds to learn in phase 3, including digraphs, and we start to focus on slightly longer words.

**Maths** – we are learning about the number 7. We will be using Snow White and her 7 Dwarf puppets to make part part whole diagrams to find different ways to make 7 and will be practicing our counting. We will also be playing games outside such as throwing bean bags into a hoop to find different ways to make 7.

**Jigsaw** – we are talking about different types of families. If anyone would like to send a photo of their family into school, we would love to display them in our role play area.

**Music** – we will be continuing to practice songs for our nativity. This year we will be performing 'The Twinkly Nativity'.

**Other** – we will be writing sorry letters from Goldilocks to the three bears for breaking their things and going into their house uninvited. We are also making wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf, looking at the wolfs teeth and thinking about how we keep our teeth clean and will be going on a bear hunt in the woods.

## **Reminders**

- Water bottles – could we please ask that water bottles are not put in book bags? Children often forget to get them out of their book bags and then don't have a drink. We have also had a few instances where water bottles have leaked onto reading books which have then had to be replaced.
- Please could we ask that any clothes borrowed from school are returned promptly. We seem to be running short. As children grow out of trousers and underwear, we would be grateful for any donations as we seem to go through these quite quickly.
- Hats & gloves – the weather seems to have turned very wintry all of a sudden. Please could you send hats and gloves into school with the children every day? These should all be named as they often fall out of pockets. All children should also have a warm coat as we spend time outside every day. If you would like to swap your child's wellies for warmer snow-type boots, you are very welcome to but please make sure that you take the other wellies home as we only have storage for 30 pairs of wellies in each class.
- Reading folders – please remember to send these in on Tuesdays to give us time to change them and send new books out on Thursdays.