

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and to what will be a very busy term in Reception with lots of exciting learning taking place. Here are some reminders for you.

'Traditional Tales' topic.

This term we will share two traditional stories The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. We will be learning all about where we live and different types of houses and finally in the last week of half term we will celebrate Chinese New Year. Please see overleaf for the curriculum.

Reading Folders

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school everyday. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. Books will be changed every week in school.

Homework

Homework will start this term, children will bring home one piece of homework each week on Friday and this needs to be returned by Tuesday. The homework will support the work we are doing in class. Those children who return their completed homework by Tuesday will be given some Golden Time each week.

Coats

Please remember to send your child with a coat everyday as we do indoor and outdoor lessons each day and have morning and lunchtime play.

Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school. If they have their ears pierced they are only allowed to wear studs and these must be removed on PE days.

PE

Our PE day this term is Wednesday. Please return P.E. kits in a small named bag. Children need to have their ear-rings removed before they come to school.

Water Bottles:

Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day so they can drink throughout the day. Water helps the children concentrate and keeps us healthy. **Please do not put water bottles in Reading Folders** if they leak our reading books get ruined.

Attendance

We believe that good attendance at school should start in the Early Years Classes so to encourage this we will be celebrating weekly 100% attendance every Friday. Children who have attended all week will receive a certificate. At the end of term for those children who have achieved 95% attendance from January to March they will be awarded £10.00 from the virtual bank to spend on uniform.

Chinese New Year

Children will be celebrating Chinese New Year during the final week of half term (12th February 2018) We will be looking at traditions and how they compare to other festivals. I would like to invite you into the classroom to enjoy some activities with your child on **Thursday 15th February 8.40-9.30am.**