



Dear Parents,

3.1.23

Happy New Year! We hope that 2023 will be a happy and healthy one for everyone. We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and managed to stay healthy throughout the holidays. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your generous gifts, cards and vouchers at the end of term. It was so kind of you all and we feel so lucky to have such a lovely group of parents and children to work with!

This term our topic is 'Once Upon A Time'. We will post a topic web that shows this topic in more detail - please keep an eye on the class page of the school website for this. There are also lots of lovely photos from last term on the class page which we hope you have all had the chance to see.

We will start this term with the story of Goldilocks. It provides many opportunities for learning such as retelling, measuring/ comparing/ ordering by size and height and of course making porridge! We will also consider the feelings of the three bears and discuss right and wrong in relation to Goldilocks.

In phonics, we will be assessing and reviewing the sounds and words taught so far. To best support us in teaching your child how to read we ask that you read the decodable text provided by the school at least 4 times across the week. Spending just 5 or 10 minutes a day reading with your child will **hugely** support them in their journey to becoming an independent reader. Please do record these sessions in your child's reading record so we can reward their efforts.

In maths this week, the children will be developing skills of visualising; the children will be encouraged to look carefully at arrangements of dots and then to close their eyes and explain what they saw. They will be using spatial language to describe sub-groups within these arrangements (eg 2 and 3 in 5) and this will deepen the children's understanding of part-whole relations and allow them to further consider composition (the numbers within numbers).

Best wishes,

The Acorn Team