

# Year R Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020


Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you very much for supporting us in settling your children. It has been lovely to see them starting their school journey with such confidence and independence. During this half term we will continue to reinforce the school routines and build on the children's confidence within the setting and making new friends.

Our first topic this half term is 'Once Long Ago'. During this topic we will be looking at different types of castles and thinking about the characters that live in them. We will be doing lots of role play and creating stories. We will be learning all about the different parts of a castle, making our own and helping Princess Maeve & Mabel to escape the dragon!



Our last topic of the Autumn Term is 'Christmas', where we will learn about the Christmas Story. We are very excited about all the festive activities we will do in school.

 In our daily phonic sessions we are learning letter sounds and the formation of each letter shape. We will continue to send home letter flash cards for you to practise at home. Alongside sound recognition, we will also teach them how to put letters together to read simple words (blending). We will upload a list of words onto Google Classroom to practise at segmenting and blending home. As well as all of this practise we will be learning new tricky words too, these are those words that can't be sounded out and new to be learnt by sight. We will send these home as flash cards as we learn them too. Please practise letter sounds and tricky words little and often...it all helps!

In maths we will continue to practice our 1:1 correspondence for accurate counting. We will be teaching the children the concepts of more and less and how to use equipment to solve simple problems. We will be using our number rhyme to practise writing our numbers as well. We will continue to learn to recognise numbers by sight and begin to become confident recognising those tricky teen numbers- this would be a great thing to help your child with at home... so get those number rhymes ready!!



The children are particularly enjoying our M.O.O.T (Managing Our Own Time) sessions, which encourage them to use their new learning environment with greater confidence and develop their independence skills, problem solving, cooperation and creativity. M.O.O.T takes place four times a week and allows the children to plan and undertake their own learning from a wide range of activities available. The challenges within the learning areas are linked to our current topic.

We would also really appreciate it if your child has a coat in school at **ALL** times as we use our outdoor classroom in all weathers and therefore we really need the children to have the correct clothing. Thank you for all the support you are offering your children at home with their learning. As always, please remember if you have any concerns or queries, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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