



Spring 1
2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Beanstalk Arts Music Session: *The Gingerbread Man* -
12th January

Chinese New Year s- 22nd January

World Hyab Day - 1st February

Children's Mental Health Week - 6th - 12th February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February

Last day of term - Friday 10th February

Half term - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Start of Spring 2 term - Monday 20th Feb

OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing holiday. Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous Christmas cards and gifts. We really appreciate it!

NEW TOPIC - This term our traditional tale focus is *The Gingerbread Man* and we have arranged for Martha from Beanstalk Arts to come in with her Cello and Ukulele for a musical re-telling of this popular story.

Our main topic is *Under the Sea*. We will be learning all about different sea creatures and using non-fiction texts to help us learn some fascinating facts about these wonderful creatures. The children will be writing their own simple fact books and we will be encouraging children to extend the quantity of their writing. When you are reading to your child, please can you start to point out full stops at the end of sentences that would help to support this writing.

PHONICS - We will be continuing to learn the sounds from phase 3 of Letters and Sound, focusing on the digraphs and trigraphs as well as tricky words.

To enable you to support your child's phonics learning at home, we will continue to send home an information sheet every time we learn a new sound. The sheet will tell you the phoneme (sound) and the grapheme (letter(s) that made the sound).

Reception Learning Letter

MATHS - This term we will be covering:

- Comparing and exploring numbers to 8
- Number bonds up to 8 and combining 2 groups.

Please continue to focus your home learning around number recognition and number formation, as well as helping your child to complete the weekly Maths Home Learning challenges.

FOREST SCHOOL - The sessions will resume on **Thursday 12th January (for RB) and Friday 13th January (for RGW)**

As the weather is now much colder, please make sure your child has hats, scarves and gloves to wear. Please continue to send your child into school wearing their waterproofs and pack a spare pair of socks and plastic bag for the muddy kit.

Parent volunteers are welcome. Please email your class teacher if you can help.

WORKSHOP AREA - We are collecting interesting materials for junk modelling and collaging projects in our workshop area. Please feel free to send the following items in with your child: bits of ribbon and scrap fabric; shiny or nicely patterned bits of wrapping paper; toilet roll tubes; small / medium cardboard boxes and the plastic tops of milk bottles. Please note that we don't want any plastic or large cardboard packaging.

CLOTHES - It helps us immensely if all of your child's clothes (including accessories) are labelled with their name. It is also very helpful if their bag has a name label on it.

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to another exciting term of learning!

THE RECEPTION TEAM

