



Cannon Lane Primary School



Reception Newsletter

December 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous first term we have had at Cannon Lane! The time seems to have flown by. This term has been a busy one and culminates with our Christmas celebrations. The children have made excellent progress this term. We are confident they will again leap into action in Spring Term and continue to work diligently and enthusiastically in 2017.

Nativity Production

I hope that many of you have been able to attend the Nativity productions last week. The children's performances were of a very high standard. They acted, sang and danced with confidence. This time of year provides a great opportunity for the children in Reception to collaborate with Year 1 and in particular, Year 2 and they really appreciate the support and guidance of the older children. The Reception team worked hard to ensure the children learned their lines and the songs. It is hard to believe the children have only been with us for three months, so assured were the performances.

Each class will have another chance to tread the boards when they perform their individual class assemblies in the Summer Term. Dates for those assemblies will be communicated next term.



Class Christmas Party

Class Christmas parties will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December. Although the children will be continuing with their learning in the morning, children may come to school in their own clothes on that day. Children will be collected as normal from their classes at 3.10pm.



Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper

The children and staff will enjoy a festive Christmas lunch together on Friday 16th December. If your child does not normally have hot dinners but they would like to have Christmas lunch on Friday, please let the school office know asap.

The children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on that day and we will be collecting voluntary contribution of £1 per child to be donated to UNICEF.



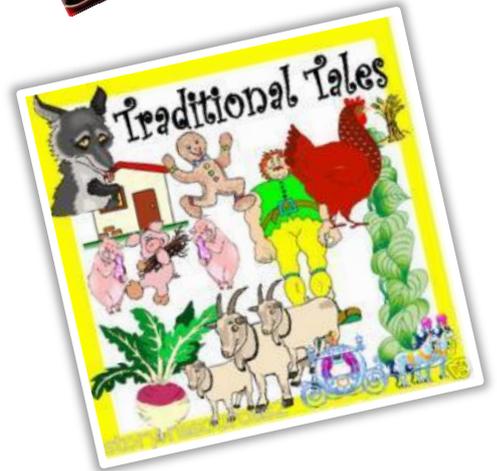
Theme for next term

Traditional Tales

The theme for Spring Term is Traditional Tales and we will be starting with a focus on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. These stories provide the children with an excellent structure to develop their understanding of narrative, settings and characters. The children will make substantial progress with their writing this term as they begin to incorporate the features of narrative in their own writing, such as descriptive language, and beginning, middle, end.

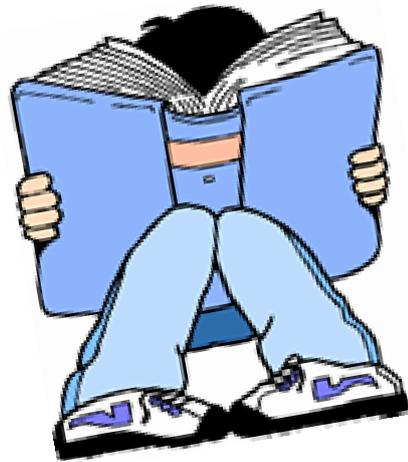
In Mathematics the children will focus on comparatives of size, length and distance as well as positional language. We also hope to take advantage of our Food Technology room in order to do some cooking and baking with the children.

A curriculum overview will be sent out in January to provide more information on the learning for next term.



Return of reading books

Please check to see if you have any reading books or library books belonging to school that should be returned by the end of term. If you are not sure whether you have any books, please speak to the class teacher and they will advise you of the titles of the books that have not been returned.



Upcoming events

Children come back to school Thursday 5th January 2017

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.



Kind Regards

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