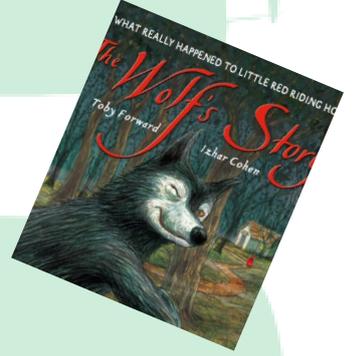


# Year 1 Spring newsletter



## Topics

**Spring 1 - Castles and fairy tales**

**Spring 2 - Nature detectives**

## English

In addition to our main English lessons, children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. We are continuing our learning of level five phonics using Twinkl phonics. We will also continue to have our Guided Reading sessions where we will be focusing on comprehension of alternative fairy tale texts such as 'The Wolf's Story'. Through our English sessions, we will be writing simple sentences and learning about what makes a good sentence, including adding capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also begin to join sentences using 'and', punctuate sentences using a question mark, and use these skills to retell traditional tales.

## KEY DATES

8th January - Clubs start

16th January - Fairy tale dress up

26th January - Inset day

9th February - Half term

28th March - Term ends

## Maths

In Math's this term, the children will start by focusing on number and place value within 20 and learning about how numbers can be made of 10s and 1s. Children will practice representing these numbers in different ways to ensure a deep understanding of how the numbers are made.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday.



## Key Vocabulary

Knowing what the following words mean and say will really help with our topics this term.

### Castles and fairy tales

magic  
wizards  
knight  
princess  
woods

### Nature detectives

sky  
butterfly  
flowers  
pond



## Attendance

Our year group's current attendance is **96.3%**.

Attendance continues to be important. Please make sure that your child is

## Phonics screening

In June, we have a three week window for the children in Year 1 to participate in a phonics screening.

Phonics is a fundamental aspect of children's learning and can help in many ways. We are working on this in class every day.

## Reading

It is very beneficial for children to read as much as possible. Children can change their reading books as often as they like but need to have reread the book three times before changing it.

## PSHE

Our PSHE units of work this term focus on **identity, society and equality**. In advance of our PSHE days, we will share with you important information about what will be covered on these days.

