



January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Firstly, a big Thank You to you and your families for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts over the festive period. We truly appreciate your warm words and thoughts.

Our topic this half-term will be 'Once Upon a Time' where we will be reading and retelling different traditional tales which will link with our history and DT learning.

	<b>Curriculum covered this half-term</b>	<b>Optional suggestions for home-learning</b>
English	<p><b>Text Focus/ Writing:</b> Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Ongoing home school reading and guided reading in class.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> We will be reviewing all the sounds learnt so far and sending home spellings linked to the sounds of the week.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> Correct letter formation in 'Letter Families'</p>	Visit the library and find some Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales
Maths	<p>Doubling /Halving Place Value Finding 10 more and 10 less than a number up to 100 Adding and Subtracting Problem solving Measurement - mass</p>	<p>Practise number bonds to 10 and 20 Counting to and beyond 100 and in 2s, 5s and 10s</p> <p><a href="http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/numbers.htm">http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/numbers.htm</a></p>
Science	<p>Everyday Materials – Children will learn to identify and name everyday materials and will have the opportunities to explore the properties of these materials. Children will also be carrying out simple investigations.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.everyschool.co.uk/science-key-stage-1-animals.html">http://www.everyschool.co.uk/science-key-stage-1-animals.html</a> This site has some fun learning activities for you and your child to do together.</p>
History	<p>Toys – we will be learning about popular toys through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The children will think about their favourite toys and toys which were popular when their parents and grandparents were children.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about the toys they have and the types of toys you and their grandparents may have had. What type of materials are the toys made from? Which toys are electronic, the old ones or the new ones? Are there any similarities between the toys?</p> <p>Perhaps you could visit the Bethnal Green Toy Museum.</p> <p><a href="http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/">http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/</a></p>
ICT	<p>This half-term we will be focussing on simple programming and commands.</p>	<p>Please continue to support your child in developing computer keyboard skills.</p>

PE	Dance: Fairy Tales Gymnastics: rolling and rocking	
PSHE:	Questions for awareness and responsibility	
RE	Celebrating our journey through life – we will be identifying some important events in our lives and how they are marked or expressed by different groups.	
Music	Pulse and Rhythm	When listening to music, perhaps you can help your child to notice and tap out the rhythm in music and familiar songs which have a strong beat.
DT	Moving Traditional Tale Pictures – to develop understanding of mechanisms. The children will be making different types of mechanisms, such as levers, wheels and sliders.	

Your continued support with the reading and home-learning is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a fun filled and exciting 2016.

Please also remember to let us know if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

Dragonflies Assembly	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 9.05am
Open Afternoon	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm
Parent's evening-	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 4-7pm
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 4-7pm
Bumblebees Assembly	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 9.05am

With best wishes,

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**Year 1 Class Teachers**