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Once upon a time....



Year 1
Autumn Term 1 2012

Over the next few weeks, your child will be working on the topic of Once upon a time ...

They will be taking part in a series of exciting activities, including:

- Visiting the library
- Acting out traditional stories
- Hot-seating traditional story characters
- Constructing houses using a variety of materials
- Writing wanted posters for characters
- Learning about different types of houses in their locality
- A presentation of a 'Three Little Pigs' dance!

**Your child needs your help and involvement!
Please get involved by:**

- Take your child to the library and get a book about the topic.
- Research castles with your child. Why not visit a castle!
- Read traditional tales with your child. Can they re-tell the story using story language? (once up a time, they lived happily ever after etc)
- Encourage your child to create their own traditional story in a shoe box using a range of junk modelling materials.
- Go for a walk with your child. How many different types of houses can you see (detached, semi-detached, bungalow etc?)

What does your child know about Traditional Stories?

Before the Topic...

After the Topic...

Sit down with your child and help them record what they know about the topic, BEFORE and then AFTER they have learnt about it at school.

Send this booklet back at the end of the topic

What else is happening?

Religious Education

Most of our teaching of religious education takes place in separate 'mini-topics'. This half-term, your child will be doing the topic Myself.

SEAL Time

Each half-term, we focus on a particular aspect of Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (S.E.A.L). This half-term, we will be looking at the theme of, "New Beginnings"

Homework

Please support your child by making sure that they take part in a reading activity daily. Why not choose from one of the following activities each day: sharing a book before bed, playing i-spy, playing a game from the games library, reading their school book.

MONDAY	All reading scheme books will be changed
FRIDAY	There will be a suggested activity for your child each week. Please see the weekly homework sheet.

We will endeavour to check reading records everyday. Children who have read at least 3 times will be rewarded from the class treat box so make sure that you sign the reading record!

Clubs

Breakfast Club	Every morning 8.00 – 8.50am
Skills 7 Football (starts Monday 17 th Sept)	Mondays 3.20 – 5.00pm
Family Learning (starts Tues 18 th Sept)	Tuesdays 9.00 – 10.30am
Credit Union	Tuesdays 3.15pm
Lower Building Games Library	Fridays 8.50 – 9.10am

Forthcoming Events

Walk around the local area	T.B.A
Visit to Stevenage Library	T.B.A
Welcome to Year 1 Meeting	Wednesday 26 th September 5.30pm
Harvest Festival Assembly	Wednesday 10 th October
Parent Consultations	Monday 15 th October 5.30 – 8.00pm Wednesday 17 th October 3.30 – 6.00pm
Walk to School Week	T.B.A
End of Half Term	Friday 26 th October