

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Year 1 Autumn Term 1 2011

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 trolls and wolves
- Learning about different types of houses in their locality
- A multi-media traditional story presentation including 'Jack and the beanstalk' dance and a three bears rap!

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**
- □ Make traditional story puppets using junk materials-and then put on a puppet show!
- □ 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

Religious Education

Most of our teaching of religious education takes place in separate 'mini-topics'.

This half-term, your child will be 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
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
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! Children can change their class library book daily.

Clubs

Breakfast Club	Every morning 8.00 – 8.50am
Skill 7 Football	Mondays 3.15 – 5.00pm
Credit Union	Tuesdays 3.15pm
Games Library	Fridays 8.50am – 9.10am

Forthcoming Events

Walk around the local area	T.B.A
Visit to Stevenage Library	T.B.A
Parents' Coffee Morning (Community Room)	Every Friday 9.00am
Welcome to Year 1 Meeting	Monday 12 th September 3.00pm
60 th Celebrations	w/c 26 th September
Harvest Festival Assembly	Wednesday 5 th October
Parent Consultations	Monday 10 th October 5.30 – 8.00pm Tuesday 11 th October 3.30 – 6.00pm
School Photographer	Thursday 13 th October
Walk to School Week	w/c 17 th October
End of Half Term	Friday 21 st October