



Dear Parents/Carers



Happy New Year! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready for the new and exciting things we have planned this term.



This term our new topic is 'Tell Me a Story'. Throughout the topic we will be reading a range of traditional tales and stories that link to different foods.



In **English** we will be looking at how to retell a story. We will be using the talk for writing method which uses a story map and actions to help us. When completing all of our pieces of writing, we will be using our phonics skills to sound out words and aiming to use finger spaces and full stops consistently.



In **Phonics** we are moving on to Phase 3 letters and sounds. The majority of Phase 3 sounds are digraphs and trigraphs (2 or 3 letters which make one sound e.g ee). We will be learning to read and write these in our daily phonics sessions. There are also a number of new tricky words for us to learn, which we will begin to use in our writing.



In **Maths** we will be exploring numbers to 10. We will be focusing on ordering, comparing and the composition of numbers. We will be adding and subtracting and looking at more and less. The children will continue to subitise (recognising an amount to 5 without the need to count) and use this to help them with problem solving. The children will think about weight, length and time.



In **Topic** we will be using our 5 senses to explore different foods. We will be extending our vocabulary to think about different adjectives we could use to describe the foods we are looking at. We will also be thinking about which foods we like and dislike and which foods are healthy.



If you have any questions or queries about your child's education, do not hesitate to come and ask a member of the team for advice. We will be happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.



The Reception Team





Useful information

Forest School

Our forest school sessions start this term. They will take place on Monday the 13th, Tuesday the 14th, Monday 27th January and Monday the 3rd of February. There is a final a final session on the 16th of May. The class will be split into 2 groups with half the class going to forest school in the am and half going in the pm. The children will be outside for their session please wear your school uniform top. Then we suggest you wrap up warm in jeans or joggers, trainers, walking shoes, wellies, a coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Clothing

Please make sure that all clothing is labelled including PE kits and shoes. We are finding lots of jumpers and cardigans without names and this makes it tricky getting them back to their owners.

Water Bottles and Snacks

We provide free fruit on a daily basis or your child can bring their own **piece of fruit** for morning snack. Please ensure water bottles have water in them and not juice.

Reading

To support your child at home we encourage that they read with you daily. If they read for a **minimum of 4 times a week and note it in their diaries** they will receive a remarkable reader mark and when they have done this for 5 weeks they will receive a prize. **Please leave your child's books and reading diaries in their book bags so they can be accessed all week in school.**

PE

For the first half term we will be doing Gymnastics a **Thursday morning**. Please come to school in your PE kit

School Website <http://www.st-annes.notts.sch.uk/>

The school website is updated regularly with the weekly newsletter and dates for your diary.

Marvellous Me

We love to send good news through our Marvellous Me app. If you haven't registered or would like a reminder of your individual child's log please come and see a member of the team. Remember to give us a high five!!

Tapestry

We will be continuing to use Tapestry as a one of the ways we record observation of your children and for a way to share their learning with you at home. We also love to see observations of what the children have been learning home. If you've not yet activated your account, please see a member of the team and we will send you an activation email.



