

Topic learning:

Our topic for this half term is Once Upon a Time. We will focus on different fairy tales and traditional stories for one week at a time, using the book 'The Jolly Postman' as our guide. Throughout the half term we will look at:

- Goldilocks and the three bears
- Jack and the beanstalk
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Cinderella
- The Story of the Chinese Zodiac (Chinese New Year)

We will explore the characters and settings in each story and retell the stories in different ways. We will learn about key features of fairy tales and talk about their different themes. Our Explore and Learn Time learning and our writing will be linked to these stories too.



Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

Throughout this term we will continue teaching the children the ELS sounds and picture clues. The children will all take part in short, fun, interactive phonic sessions. Children will bring home a reading book matched to the sounds they are learning.

Reading:

Please continue to read with your child at least **4 times a week** and sign their reading diaries – please bring their books to school **everyday** so we can be flexible and read with your child any day of the week. Your child will read twice a week at school, once with the class teacher and once with the class teaching assistant. Please also check the children's Harder to Read and Spell words with them regularly to help them progress with their reading.

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ONCE UPON A TIME

We will explore the big question,

'How do our actions affect others?'



P.E:

PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure their correct PE kit is here all week as we sometimes have to move the timetable around and may have PE at a different time.

RE:

In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Jesus as a Storyteller'. We will learn about the stories that Jesus told and what can be learnt from bible stories.

Maths:

This term we will be looking in-depth at numbers to 8, beginning with the numbers 1-5, as we explore what makes each number that number, including how to subitise each number, the composition of the number, where it is placed on a number line and the numbers that are around it, 1 more and 1 less, number bonds for each number and how to write each number. We will then repeat this later in the term with the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will then apply what we have learnt to mass and capacity, and learn about shapes with 4 sides.

Reminders:

Coats: Please provide your child with a coat everyday as we spend a large amount of time outside and the weather is very changeable.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform and PE Kits are labelled clearly. We had a lot of lost property at the end of last half term, due to so many items being unnamed.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a bottle, filled with water only. You can personalise them to make them more recognisable.

DBS: If you would like to help with school trips or walking to church, please contact the office to apply for a DBS.

Communication: The door is always open and we encourage you to share any questions or concerns. You are welcome to pass on messages at drop off and pick up time. If you unable to speak to us then please email the school office at admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Stephens.

Walk and talk board: A walk and talk is a board found just outside the classroom where we share what we have done that day. This may encourage your child to share their day on their way home!