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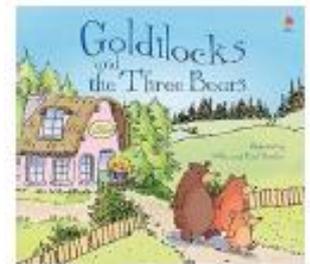
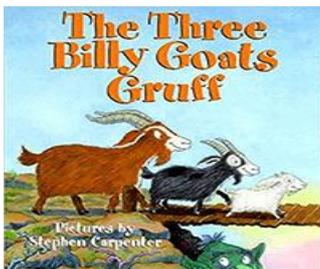
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Year 2 Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 2! We can't wait to get to know the children and get stuck into some great learning this half term. We hope that, with your support, we can all work together to help your child achieve their full potential. You can help by ensuring they are in school each day on time, that they are prepared and organised for the day ahead and that they have completed their home learning. We are always happy to support you and your child over the year and are happy to discuss any worries or concerns.

Traditional Tales



We are beginning with 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. After listening to the story, the children will retell the story through drama and props. This will encourage the children to retell the story using exciting vocabulary so you can look forward to hearing some exciting story telling from your children! Towards the end of the unit the children will be making Wanted posters for a Troll.

Trips

As part of our Paddington Bear topic next half term, we are excited to announce our trip to Marwell Zoo to explore life in the Amazon Rainforest. We will be confirming the date and costs involved within the next couple of weeks.



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Curriculum

Maths - Place value, addition and subtraction

English -Character description, setting description and letter writing

Science - Changing Materials

PE - Ball skills (hands), gymnastics (linking)

RE - Christianity- Friendship

Music - Hampshire Music Service

Computing -What is a computer?

History- How was school different in the past?

PDL - Jigsaw: Being me in my world

Uniform

We are delighted to see the children back in their uniform looking smart. It gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**.



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Water bottles

In Year 2 we ask that you provide a **named** water bottle for your child to bring into the classroom daily. The bottles will be taken home after each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day.

PE days.



Our PE days are on **Monday (inside) and Thursday (outside)**. Children will need to come dressed for PE on these days. Children should still wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top of their PE kit. We will be practising different ball skills and learning to perfect the children's technique so that the skills they learn can be applied in ball games. In the colder and wetter days, please remember that your child will need proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they can wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms for when we are outside. They will need normal shorts and sports team t-shirts for when they are inside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Reading at home

For children still working to secure their phonics knowledge, we are continuing with our phonics and reading scheme, Little Wandle. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools. Based on the original Letters and Sounds, but extensively revised to provide a complete teaching programme meeting all the expectations of the National Curriculum. Reading practice books are now carefully matched so children can read



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fluently and independently. In school children will read 3 times a week in a group with an adult. The sessions consist of:

1. Decoding
2. Prosody (intonation, expression)
3. Comprehension

When children take their book home to read they should be 95% fluent. Please do not worry that a book is too easy - your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Re-reading a book they have had before helps develop fluency - this is the goal! For all other children, there will be a range of Love to Read books for them to take home to read. We will ensure all children have a reading book to take home by week 2.

Children need to bring their reading diaries into school every day. All of our children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their diaries.

Homework

In addition to daily reading, every child will receive a Spelling Shed and Time Table Rock Stars Log in. These digital platforms are fun ways for children to practise their spellings and times tables. Little and often is often more valuable than 1 extended session on these sites/apps. Just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference to your child's learning.

Communication



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Each morning the class teacher will be at the gates so if you need to pass on any information, please do so then. However, due to staggered starting and finishing times throughout the school, we ask if you need to discuss anything with the teacher to make an appointment when convenient. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message for your child to hand to their teacher or call the office and the class teacher will give you a call.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to working with you all this year.

Mrs P Jones, Mrs M Stock and the year 2 team



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