

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER  
Spring Term 1

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling rested, ready for another exciting half-term ahead!

This half-term, our new topic is:

**Cauldrons and Castles**



*(See topic web for more information)*

During this topic, children will be introduced to a range of traditional tales, such as: The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Princess and the Pea. We will explore a different story each week and do activities such as bake gingerbread men, create our own bridges and plant seeds.

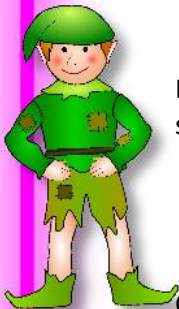
If you want to take part in our topic at home, you could:

- Read some traditional tales. Listen to the story and recall any parts you know.
- Make a castle out of junk modelling. You could use any of your leftover Christmas recycling - be creative!
- Make a boat to help the Gingerbread Man or the Three Billy Goats to get across the river – you could use Lego, blocks, paper, etc.

Don't forget to share anything you may do using Seesaw – we love sharing your creations!



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a very exciting Cauldron's and Castles WOW day. More details about this will follow soon.





### Seesaw

Please remember to activate your child's account (our home learning platform) if you haven't already. It is a great way for us to create a link between home and school and the children love to share what they get up to at home with their friends! If you need reminding of your login details, please let me know. To use

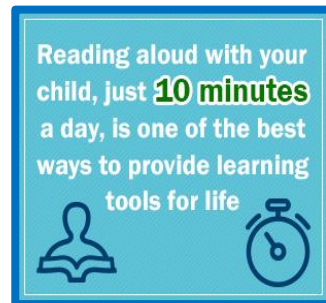
seesaw, follow this link: <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>



### Home Reading

It is so important to create a love of reading from a young age, and reading at home is a great way to support with this. Remember that children's reading books are changed on a Tuesday and a Friday, and their home story books are changed as often as needed. **Please hear your child read every day and record it on Boom Reader.** It is recommended that children read the same book more than once – as part of our phonics lessons, we repeat the same book over 3 days to build on:

- Accuracy and decoding
- Speed and fluency
- Comprehension



### PE and Outdoor Learning Day

PE will now be on a **Tuesday**.

Outdoor Learning Day will continue to be on **Thursdays** with Mrs Morgan.

Please ensure that children come into school wearing weather appropriate kit. As the weather remains cold, we recommend that children wear lots of layers for Forest School.



Thank you for your continued support. We are really looking forward to the exciting half-term ahead!

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Mrs Perrin and the Reception Team.

