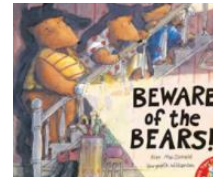


Reception Newsletter

February - March 2021

Topic: Once Upon A Time



This half term we are learning:

- How to describe characters in stories and how different characters might be feeling
- How to use story language and structure when both speaking and writing
- How to describe the different settings in traditional tales
- How to create a story map
- How to write letters, instructions, wanted posters and recipes
- How to order and measure height (through measuring story characters)
- All about numbers 8, 9 and 10.
- To find out which two numbers can be combined to make 8, 9 and 10
- How to share an amount between different characters for a party
- Testing materials when making a waterproof house for the little pigs
- How to record a tally chart to record favourite story characters

We will also be:

- Sequencing stories and retelling them using 'Talk for Writing' actions
- Investigating a crime scene when pretending to be police officers
- Talking about the environment that we live in and how it changes from season to season
- Creating our own wolf and pig masks using paper plates
- Learning about the Easter story and how it is celebrated in Christianity



Celebrating Tidy Up Star of the Day, Good Work of the Week and Class Star of the Week



How to help your child at home:

- Practice reading all set 1/set 2 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write the letters correctly
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently
- Listen to and encourage them to read books at home and help them practise their tricky words
- Encourage your child to count objects, saying a number as they touch each object in order
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 10
- Encourage your child to write short labels and captions, using their fingers to sound out the words
- Encourage your children to practise writing their first and last name
- Talk to your children about what they have learnt each day. Ask them what they did well? What they were good at?
- Practise throwing and catching a ball.
- Draw your child's attention to the changes that go on outside as winter turns to spring

Homework Project: The homework project for this half term was to create a 'Book in a Box' for World Book Day. Thank you for your co-operation during this whole school event. If you are still wanting to create your 'Book in a Box', we would welcome you to bring them into school before the end of the half term.

Things to remember:

- Please upload and share any home learning activities on Tapestry.
- Book bags are brought in every Thursday.
- RSP's PE day is **Tuesday**.
- RPJ's PE day is **Thursday**.

Thank you for all your support!

Remember to check out our class pages on our school website
www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk