

# Reception Newsletter

Miss Hind and myself would first like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and thank you for the lovely gifts we received at Christmas time. We hope you had a lovely festive time over the holidays.

Miss Iles and Miss Hind

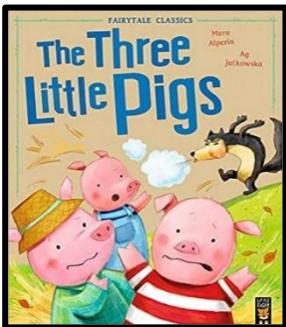
## The Learning Journey continues...

The children made such an amazing start to Reception last term and we are sure they will settle straight back in after the Christmas holidays. We are hoping to begin our 'parent engagement' activities every morning starting from the second week back – these will include cutting activities, name writing as well as our usual library day on the Thursday. We hope you will be able to spend 5 or 10 minutes each morning helping your child with their learning.



## What the children will be learning...

The children will be sharing lots of stories about winter this half term as well as begin a topic about those lovely 'once upon a time' stories we all know, such as the Three Little Pigs. We will be scientists designing tests and describing what has happened which will link with the stories we are listening to. We will be teaching Phase 3 and 4 Phonics, to help your child grow a love of reading. We will be encouraging the children to then use their phonics knowledge to write short sentences, using a full stop. In Maths, we will be linking numerals, ordering, partitioning to 5, as well as making numbers 6 and 7 and comparing quantities!



## How can you help your child?

Share stories as much as possible; talking about what is happening and what might happen next. Continue to practise sounds from Phase 2 on your child's phonics tag, as well as Phase 3 and 4, as they are added. Take part in the weekly activities on Seesaw and add activities from home- it is so lovely to see what you are doing at home with your child. I will also be sending out a 'tricky words' sheet, which are words which have unusual spellings that your child will need to read and write a lot. If you're not sure what I mean by that please ask myself or Miss Hind. Please also encourage your child to link numbers to numerals, order and partition numbers, as well as start to compare quantities using the vocabulary 'more' and 'fewer'.



## Useful Information



In the cloakroom there is a parent information board with lots of information about reading, safeguarding and other info. We will update it on events that are happening or things you need to know about.

If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to myself or Miss Hind.