



Dear Woodlands Parents,



Our topic for term four is 'Once upon a time!' In literacy, we will be exploring a range of different fairy tales such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Castle the King Built! We will be working on writing full sentences and strengthening our letter formation. Additionally, we are working on our story retelling and imaginative skills to support our writing skills. We will also be spending a lot of time learning about Easter and the start of spring. We will be observing nature and enjoying lots of time outdoors, using the changes we observe to support our learning.

Alongside this in Reception, we will be starting our unit on length, height and time. We will be using key vocabulary such as longer, longest, shorter and shortest. We will then progress onto deepening our understanding of the numbers 9 and 10, before finishing up with some time on 3D shapes.

In phonics, we will be strengthening our knowledge of our phase 3 sounds and working on building automaticity with reading. It is really important that your child is reading their phonics book at home a minimum of 3 times a week. If you have any questions, I will always be available for a chat at the end of the day! Please could I ask that any phonics books which may have been left at home for more than a week are returned, as we are missing a few copies.

Reading	We will be sending a phonics book home for you and your child to practice alongside a regular story book. Please read the phonics book with your child as frequently as possible. This should be a minimum of three times a week. It is also incredibly important to read regular story books to continue the development of a love of learning. The children may start to 'learn' the words to the story while they are reading their phonics book of the week. This is great as it means their reading can become more fluent with the recognition of words.
Maths	Our focus of this term is length, height and time. Please try and include this in your everyday conversations to help your child develop their confidence. You could narrate what you're doing such as comparison of objects, measuring things with rulers or doing time challenges. Encouraging your child to notice height, length and time day to day will really help deepen their understanding and give them strong foundations for future maths.

Helpful reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings in their phonics book each monday to be swapped over for the week ahead.

Please ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes clearly labelled in their bags. They have free access to the outdoors and the mud kitchen so may get wed/muddy.

Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their bag each day.

- Please always bring a named coat particularly as the weather is unpredictable in the winter!

- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit and trainers.
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk or ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk.

Forest School

Children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag:

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

Home learning:

If you wish to support your child with their learning at home, here are a few useful links which may help.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Little Wandle phonics pronunciation. This will ensure you are teaching your children how to say their sounds the correct way. This is essential to ensure their learning goes as smoothly as possible!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?seriesId=b08bzfnh-structural-1-b08bzg8q> - Numberblocks videos. Series one and two of the number blocks will support your child with consolidation of the skills and lessons being taught in class. Please use these as a learning tool to base conversations with your child around to help deepen their understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Thornton and Miss Curryer.