



Tudor Grange Primary Academy

# Meon Vale

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the very generous Christmas gifts and cards, they were so appreciated.

Please find attached a detailed topic map which outlines what we will be doing in Little Oaks this half term. Our new topic is called 'Once Upon A Time', where there will be focussing on three key texts. All areas of the curriculum will link to these texts and the children will learn about hibernation, how to use non-fiction books to answer questions and how to write a basic recipe. The topic map will give you more detail and explain how you can specifically support at home.

## Homework

Homework will continue in the same format as last term with weekly phonics, word lists and reading. Please return your child's Word List book and Phonics Pack on a **Wednesday** for us to collect in and add the new sounds and words to. This term you will notice that the sounds become progressively more difficult, therefore it is vital that revision takes place at home. Now the children have learnt the sounds of the alphabet letters we are moving on to digraphs/trigraphs (two/three letter sounds), such as ch as in chat or igh as in light. When practising the sounds with your child it is helpful if you encourage them to write the sounds as you say them, this gives them the opportunity to link the actual sound they hear with the grapheme (the written letters which represent a sound).

Reading will continue on the days set last term. If you are unsure of your child's reading day, please check on the front page in their reading diary. Due to time constraints on the school timetable, it is important that your child brings their books on the allocated day to be changed. Encourage your child to read with you as often as possible. This should be at least four times a week, however past experience has shown that those strongest readers read every day. We ask that parents record a comment daily in the reading diary, whether that be about their reading, writing or phonics.

Please continue to support your child with writing their name correctly. Correct pencil hold is paramount and the expectation was that all children were able to write their forename by Christmas. It is important that they are using the correct letter formation and the aim is that by Easter we would like the children to be writing their surname. Please refer to the handwriting pack sent home during the Autumn term for further guidance.

## Other Dates

Show and Tell will continue to take place this term on a Wednesday afternoon. The children are rotated to ensure it is fair. When it is your child's turn, they will return a slip home in the bookbag on the Tuesday. We have discussed with the children the type of items it would be good to share. We are trying to encourage the children to think beyond their toys and bring something else that is special to them. This could be a photograph, an artifact from a family trip, something to do with their pet, a letter/postcard, something to do with a hobby they do, e.g. swimming badge or ballet shoes, a fossil, a memory book from when they were a baby or an item from a holiday. These are just a few ideas and we are sure you will have many more!

P.E. will continue to be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their kit in school ready to begin this week.



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Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns then please get in touch with one of us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cotton - Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale – Class Teacher

Miss Wood - Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale – Class Teacher