



Welcome back



We hope you enjoyed the half-term holidays. The children have returned to school excited and enthusiastic. We are all very excited about this next half term. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times. We require your child to plain wear black shoes without any colour. Furthermore, please ensure that their name is in **all** of their clothes and coats. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Book Bags, Reading & Homework



Please make sure you send your child's book bag into school everyday with their reading book and reading record. It is very important that children read regularly at home to develop their understanding and fluency. Every night a child reads at home and has a signed reading record, they will gain a Penny point on the reading chart. This will lead to certificates and rewards. Homework is given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday. Please support your child with homework and encourage them to take care with all tasks. These include: Reading; letter formation; word building and writing activities; careful counting.



Our Topic Work...



This half term our topic is: **'Will you read me a story?'**

In this topic, we will be exploring traditional tales. Our chosen stories are: Jack and The Beanstalk; Cinderella; The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. Finally, in the final week, we will learn about the Easter Story. Through these traditional stories, we will incorporate learning in literacy, maths, science creative design, ICT, PHSE and physical development. Some of the exciting work to be covered include: The life cycle of a bean —planting and growing beans and writing instructions; designing costumes and dressing up in character; building a house - choosing appropriate materials in order to build a house; making a Gingerbread Man, which includes following a recipe and learning how to weigh using scales. We will be thinking about the settings and characters in each of our chosen stories and will create our own settings and characters based upon these.



P.E



PE for Reception Children takes place on **Wednesdays**; and as part of the curriculum, all children have to participate. We expect Reception children to do PE in dark shorts, white t-shirt and black PE shoes. Please put your child's name in their PE kit as this will be left on their peg and will be sent home at the end of each half term to get washed. Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible at home with dressing and undressing, as they are increasingly expected to get changed independently in class. Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind you that the Academy day starts at 8.40am. Please make sure your child is lined up on their colour spot ready to come into the academy.

