Hi Folks.

The Summer term is here already!

This half term we will be looking at Fairy Tales in our Literacy lessons. These will include Sleeping Beauty, The Three Little Pigs, The Three Bears, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and many more. If you have any versions of these at home, feel free to bring them in so that we can share and compare them.

In maths we will be looking at numbers beyond 10, spatial reasoning, adding more and taking away, doubling, sharing and grouping, even and odd, and patterns and relationships.

We are moving onto phase 4 in phonics. This looks at all the sounds and tricky words we already know and a few new tricky words, as well as two syllable words and two consonant sounds together at the beginnings and ends of words

Reading is a big focus this term. If you could hear your child read at least three times a week then this will be such a big boost for them. Please continue to write in the reading records every time that they read to you and let us know the page they are on. We will be adding more tricky words to the children’s book bags, could you please go through these regularly with them too. These are words where some of the letters are being tricky and cannot be blended for this reason, and so the children need to recognise them on sight.

I am planning a sponsored walk during this half term and I will be sending the sponsor forms home this week. Our aim is to raise our own money to purchase a new scooter (or maybe two if we’re lucky) for our outdoor area. The plan is to walk from school to the play area at Sandringham park and back again at the end of the session. I am planning to do this on a Friday morning and would love for you to join us if you can. You could either walk with us or meet us at the park. I will email a set date for this when I have confirmed it with the estate. If you could convince any friends or relatives to sponsor your child, then this will be absolutely marvellous and greatly appreciated. Hang on to sponsor forms and return with any money collected after the walk has taken place. In addition to this, we are hoping to secure our school trip out in the next few weeks to come.

Focus Child will continue this term, I shall pick two children each week and send the Focus Child forms home as before. We aren’t always able to answer every question if there are several, as there isn’t always time, but we will do our best with these. We will also be sending home a drawstring bag. This is for your child to add four to five items that they hold dear to them. These could include photos of friends and relatives, a favourite book, toy or teddy or a souvenir from a memorable day out. Throughout the week that they are the Focus Child, they can show their favourite things and tell us all about them. This will resemble a show and tell experience which I know they all love.

For P.E., we will hopefully get onto the field this half term. It is a good idea to have trainers for this as it can often be damp over there and plimsolls are not good at keeping out the water. Please make sure that there are wellington boots at school as we use them every day at lunchtimes. We will continue to come dressed for P.E. on Fridays. Please make sure that you either send your child in in their trainers or there is a pair already in school for them to use. Forest School will remain on Thursdays, so please continue to send the children in with long sleeves and long trousers as this is for protection from nettles and not just colder weather.

We aim to be outside regularly this half term, but, as the weather can still be very chilly this time of the year, could you make sure that the children always have a coat.

Some more nursery pupils will be joining us in the afternoons. We have only offered places to children who are four already or during this term. This will not affect our afternoon schooling as I plan to deliver the usual afternoon lessons, four days each week, to just Reception in the new classroom, and then join the nursery children for our usual continuous provision sessions afterwards.

If you have anything that you would like to discuss with me then you can either catch me at the gate or email me in the usual way.

Jackie