

Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome! We hope you have had a great summer and are ready to start the new school year. This term our overarching theme will be '**Once Upon a time**'. In particular, we will be focussing on the story '**The Deep Dark Wood**.' We have already started the term by dressing up as fairy-tale characters and with our trip to Stanton Country Park. Thank you all for your support with this.

### PE

As you are aware, we are now adopting an active curriculum approach which has led to the children wearing an active uniform. Each day we will be completing active learning through the Golden Mile, skipping and yoga (a different session per term). This will be taught alongside our discreet PE lessons. Please note that as part of the school's PE Policy, hooped earrings and other jewellery must not be worn and long hair must be tied back.

### Uniform

**Please make sure anything your child brings to school is named including all of their uniform.**

### Water bottles and Snack

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. These should be named and be filled with fresh water daily (no juice or squash). These will be accessed by the children throughout the school day and refilled when needed by your child. An extra drink can also be provided for lunchtime should you wish. At breaktime, the children will be provided with a morning snack of fresh fruit and milk if you have signed up for Cool Milk.

### Reading

This year your child will be bringing home a new decodable reading book weekly. These are carefully chosen for your child dependent on their phonetical ability. Please make sure you allow them the chance to practise reading this book at least **3 times a week** with yourselves and **record this in their reading record**.

On a **Friday** your child will also bring home one of our '50 Reads'. These books are designed to be shared with an adult or older sibling to develop their love for reading and further comprehension skills. These books need to be returned on a **Monday**, unless they are a longer chapter book that your child wants to keep for longer to finish. Please make sure you help your child to look after these books and ensure they return them. When you share these books, please remember to comment in your child's reading record.

Reading is celebrated during a reading assembly on a Monday. Certificates are given out and children are able to chose their own book when they have achieved 125 times and 250 times.

### Dates for your diary:

Phonics Parent Workshop: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9-10.30am

Parents Evening: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Please keep an eye on the school website for updates, information about what the children have been learning in school and dates.

Finally, please remember that if you have any questions, feel free to contact us by sending an email to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Renowden, Miss Shaw and Miss Gough

*don't just fly*  
**SOAR**

# Term 1—Once Upon a Time

## Computing

Children will be taught to:

- use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private
- identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

## PSHE

Children will be taught about:

- Being me in my world
- Feeling safe and secure at school
- What makes them special

## Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Understand number and place value up to 20
- One more/one less than a number to 20
- Quick recognition of standard and non-standard pattern to 20
- Number facts to 10
- Properties of shape

## Music

Children will be taught to:

- Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music using their body as instruments

## English

Children will learn how to:

- Write sentences using adjectives, capital letters and full stops.
- Write Sentences for a purpose using phonics to support spelling and capital letters and full stops within their writing.
- Apply phonics to decode for reading and segment for spelling.

## ART and DT

Children will be taught to:

- To describe what I see and give an opinion about the work of an artist such as Andy Goldsworthy to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space

## Science

Children will be taught to:

- Distinguish between a material & what is made from.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, metal, rocks, water.
- Describe the simple physical properties of everyday materials - link to uses in world.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

## PE

Children will be taught:

- Jungle Dance to improve and develop their coordination and creativity
- To improve their stamina and fitness by running the 'Golden Mile'

## History and Geography

Children will be taught:

- To explain where I live and tell someone my address.
- To name the four countries in the United Kingdom and locate them on a map.
- To name some of the main towns and cities in the United Kingdom.