



Buds Class

Spring Term 2 2018

Our topic for this term is **Once Upon a Time**. The children entered the classroom on Monday to discover a lot of red objects left in a basket. They later found out that 'Little Red' had visited Buds class. We have spent some time this week Spring Cleaning the outdoor area so that Granny can move into the playhouse. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed washing the windows, kitchen, table, chairs and the floor with soapy water. They also cleaned up all of the leaves and planted some potatoes for Granny to cook and eat later in the year.

Maths

Over the term we will be focusing on counting, comparing, measuring weight, 3D shapes and money. We will also continue with a number of the week as well as recognising numbers to 20. Please encourage your child to count objects at home and in the environment as well as recognising numbers on everyday items and labels.

English

Over the first few weeks we reading many traditional tales. Please send in any that you have at home so that we can share them together. We will be transforming the role play area into an 'Inn' where Little Red and his parents live. We will be writing warnings for Little Red as he walks through the forest and thinking about how traditional tales have been changed over time. The children will practise writing signs and labels for the Inn and Granny's cottage as well as thinking about repeated language in stories such as, 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man'. Please send your child's reading book and yellow reading record into school every day. We all love reading in Buds and try to read together as often as possible.

Physical Development

At the start of every day we will continue to practise fine motor skills by writing first names and surnames onto whiteboards, using play-dough to add features to pictures, threading laces through cards and completing jigsaw puzzles from nursery rhymes and songs. We will regularly be making use of the bikes and trikes outside, as well as the trim trail and our lovely outdoor space. The children will be practising jumping, hopping, stretching and copying movements as well as throwing, catching and Write Dance activities.

Expressive arts and crafts

The children will have opportunities to use materials and paint. They have already practised mixing powder paint to make a colour of their choice. The whole class enjoyed an art afternoon on Monday and painted pictures to display in the class 'Inn'. We will be encouraging the children to independently make cakes by balancing ingredients on scales and mixing them together.

Achievement Tree

A reminder that we have class 'Achievement Tree'. It has been lovely to add some children's achievements to the tree over the last term. We would welcome contributions of achievement leaves from home. When your child achieves something new please write the achievement on the leaf, remembering to put your child's name and the date. Then send the leaf into school so that it can be hung on the tree. We do celebrate with the children as a class when each new leaf appears.

Parent contributions

It is still quite cold at the moment so please ensure that your child has a hat and a pair of gloves in school every day.

We would be very grateful for any donations of **red** and **blue** objects that we could keep such as fabric, household objects, food and clothes for the children to dress up in.

As we look forward to the Summer term approaching, we will need wicker baskets of different sizes and plastic fruit punnets, ideally the size that grapes are usually sold in.

Finally, as we will be spending a week learning about the three little pigs we would love two very large boxes for the children to use as homes. If anyone is having a washing machine delivered shortly please could we have the box?!

Mother's Day

We would like to invite all Buds Mothers or Grandmothers to a Mother's Day breakfast on Wednesday 7th March from 9am onwards. The children have a surprise for you.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on parents evening. Please see Mrs Cater if you still need an appointment.

Mrs Stevens and Mrs Saheed