

The Clever Cat Half-Termly Newsletter

Term: Spring A

Dates: 04/01/10 - 12/02/08

Topic: Stories Old & New

The mini-topics that we'll be looking at (on a weekly basis within the topic) are as follows:

Week 1: Once upon a time & Jolly Postman

Week 2: The Three Bears & other versions

Week 3: Handa's Surprise & Handa's Hen

Week 4: The Three little pigs & other versions

Week 5: The Gingerbread Man & other versions

Week 6: Jack & the Beanstalk & Other versions
assessments

Weekly Newsletters & Home/School Links

We will continue to send a weekly newsletter home in your child's blue bag. Copies of the newsletters along with information regarding planning and other issues will be posted on or near the Parents/Carers notice board (located in the Cloakroom). Any work that your child has done at home and wishes to bring in to school will be displayed in the classroom. Children often achieve things at home that they may not do at school and it would help us to gain an accurate picture of your child's achievements if you could record anything that they have done for the first time, or interest that they have shown, etc in the Home/School (a small brown book that can be found in their blue bag). The book can also be used to share any other information that you feel would benefit your child and that we should know. If you wish to meet or talk to us before or after school please contact us for an appointment.

Skills & Resource Sharing

We appreciate that you have busy lives and that is not always easy for you to join us in the classroom however if you are interested in helping out and can spare an hour or two on an occasional/regular basis, we would greatly appreciate any form of support. Furthermore if you have any resources, skills or knowledge that would support our topic this term please let us know.

Milk Money & Other Payments

Milk money is due for the Spring Term for those children who were 5 years old before Christmas. Please inform us if you wish your child to have milk which currently costs £8 per term. All other payments should be placed in an envelope marked with your child's name, class number, purpose & the amount included and put in the blue tray. Milk remains free for all children whose birthdays fall after 31st December 2008.

Outdoor Play

We hope to undertake outdoor play on a daily basis in addition to the set playtimes with the rest of school (15 minutes during the morning & afternoon; up to 40 minutes at dinnertime). Please ensure that your child brings a **coat everyday** and wears appropriate footwear & clothing for the weather. The children will have access to a climbing frame outdoors so we ask that your child does not wear any jewellery, if however they have pierced ears we ask that they only wear small stud earrings.

PE

Our PE days are on Wednesdays & Fridays so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. As the all kits are very similar please ensure that all indoor shoes, uniform & PE kit (including bag) have your child's name on. The Health & Safety guidelines stipulate that children should not wear jewellery whilst engaging in PE we therefore ask that your child does not wear any on these days. Any child wearing jewellery will be asked to remove it themselves under the supervision of adults, and placed in their school bag. We can take no responsibility for any losses or damage that may occur to the items whilst they are in school. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trips

We have planned a trip to see the Ensemble 360 concert based the story 'The Lion Who Wanted to Love'. We have booked for Friday 5th February 2010 at 1.30pm. A letter regarding this trip will be placed in your child's bag in the next few days and we ask that you complete and return the form as soon as possible.

Other information

We will be tasting a range of foods during this half term so please let us know if there are any foods you do not wish your child to consume for medical, religious or ethical reasons.

All children will be of compulsory school age and are required to attend school for both the morning and afternoon sessions. If you have a holiday booked you must complete a holiday form (obtainable from the office) and should your child be ill you must contact school to let them know the reason for their absence. These are statutory requirements and failure to comply them will lead to an unauthorised mark in the register, which will affect your child's attendance record and could lead to further action by the Local Authority.

School finishes for all children at 3.15pm.

If your child is having a packed lunch please ensure that their lunch is in a suitable container, clearly marked with their name and class.

If your child is having school dinners they cost £8.60 per week. Please ensure that where possible all monies are paid on Mondays in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class purpose and amount enclosed. There will be a blue tray for all monies on the signing in table.

Reminders & Diary Dates

Every Tuesday am - MT will be in school but having preparation, planning and assessment time (PPA). Mrs Hayhurst will cover the class with Miss Newall.

Wednesday 13th January MT will be out on a course regarding E Safety and Mrs S Hayhurst will cover the class with Miss Newall.

Thursday 14th January pm MT is out working on the Making a Big Difference Buddying Project with other Lead practitioners in the Local authority. Cover to be arranged.

Thursday 28th January pm - MT is out working on the Making a Big Difference Buddying Project with other Lead practitioners in the Local authority. Cover to be arranged.

Friday 29th January am MT is out meet the senior Early Years Advisor regarding the SEAD project she is working on. E safety day throughout school.

1st February E safety evening for parents - 6.30pm

Tuesday 2nd February pm MT is out working on the Making a Big Difference Buddying Project with other Lead practitioners in the Local authority. Cover to be arranged.

Friday 5th February pm - Class 1 going to concert at Emmanuel Church

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February is Half Term

Monday 22nd February - INSET day for teachers. Children not in school

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any member of the Foundation Stage Team.

Thank you for your support - Mrs T (Talkowski), Miss Newall & Mrs Neal