



Edition 3

Welcome to the Spring edition of the EYFS newsletter. You will receive a EYFS newsletter at the start of every half term. This half term our topics are 'Traditional Tales' in Reception and 'Nursery Rhymes' in Nursery. Within these topics, we will be learning lots of familiar rhymes and stories which we will then explore even further.

Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes

This half term we are learning a variety of traditional tales and nursery rhymes. This will include learning the songs and rhymes, acting them out and retelling the stories.

We will also be delving deeper into each song and story and exploring their 'STEM' links. For example we will be exploring how to build the strongest bridge for the three billy goats gruff.

**Extra homework project: Ask your child to tell you their favourite nursery rhyme or traditional tale.**

Enrichment

Reception children loved their visit to see 'Cinderella' at the Assembly Rooms earlier this month. We especially loved booing the step mother and shouting 'it's behind you!'.



Our next enrichment opportunity is Chinese food tasting for Lunar New Year. Please see a separate letter reading this.

Reading

We read with the children every day in school.

In Reception reading books are sent home every Friday so that children can show off their excellent reading skills with you. Please ensure that diaries and books are returned to school every Monday.



Lunar New Year

In addition to our topics, we will also be learning all about Lunar New Year towards the end of the half term.

All children will learn why it is celebrated and we will experience some traditions from around the world.



Children will also get the opportunity to taste test a selection of Chinese food.

Dates for your diary

Here are some important dates for your diary during this half term:

27/01/2025—Chinese food tasting

10/02/2025—Parents Evening

12/02/2025—Parents Evening

We have a upcoming family workshop too. Look out for future information.

As the weather is a little colder and wetter, please make sure that your child brings a coat, hat and gloves to school each day when needed.

We also ask that you bring a pair of wellies for your child to use in school as our outdoor area is open in all weather conditions. If the weather is hot and sunny, please make sure your child has got a sun hat and comes to school with sun cream already applied.

**Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name to avoid anything being lost.**



## Reception Homework

Homework will be given out each Monday and will be stuck into homework books. Children will have one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework each week which will revise the content taught in school the previous week.

Reading at home will continue to be a priority as part of the homework package. Please read with your child every weekend and bring the reading book back into school on a Monday morning.

### Additional Homework Ideas:

- Log in to Oxford Owl at home to support with Phonics  
Log in: moorgatereception  
Password: Moorgate
  - Practise writing a number line to 5. Be creative and use chalks outside or paints in the bath!
- Practise writing your name and your known phonics sounds.

Please also see our website for a range of ideas for learning at home.

### Nursery Homework

- Draw, paint or collage a character from your favourite story.
- Count how many red cars you see parked near your house. Is it the same number the next day?
- Practise creating your first name. You could use playdough, twigs, chalk, paints or anything else that makes a mark.

### USEFUL WEBSITES:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/phonics-made-easy/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/moorgate-b79>