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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to an exciting Summer term.

Our topic for the whole of this term is '**Hansel and Gretel**,' culminating in our whole school Production in July. Please find below an overview of curriculum areas to be covered in Class 1.

In **Literacy**, Reception children will continue to follow the 'Read, Write Inc.' programme, moving onto pink storybooks and 'Get Writing' books. In phonics, all children are focussing on alternative spellings for the same phoneme, (e.g. ow/o_e/oa, ay/a_e/ai, oo/u_e/ew and igh/i_e).

Year 1 and 2 children will be studying the characters in the Hansel and Gretel story and looking at different versions of the story. They will be working on reading comprehension skills, especially the way in which atmosphere and suspense are created and exploring the characters' emotions. We will also be writing our own adventure stories based on the story of Hansel and Gretel.

In **Numeracy**, **Year 1 and 2** children will be counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's and finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. We will be adding 2 digit numbers by partitioning, adding and subtracting 10 and 11, exploring properties of 3D shapes and telling the time to the quarter hour.

Reception children will be counting to beyond 20, saying 1 more/1 less, adding and subtracting 2 and 3 to any number to 20 by counting on and back, creating repeating patterns of 3 or more, counting in 2's and exploring pairs of numbers that total 10.

In **Science** we will be looking at animals in different habitats, especially focussing on the woodland environment and night time creatures. We will produce a report based on our research.

In **Art and Design**, we will be designing our own gingerbread house, making some woodland creatures using natural materials and creating branches for the trees in the forest. We will design a leaflet and a programme for the Production of Hansel and Gretel using '2Simple' software in **ICT**.

In **Music** we are rehearsing songs for the school production; in **Geography** we will be finding a route through the forest, creating and following directions using the large apparatus in the hall and in **History** we will find out about the history of Fairy tales through the work of the brothers Grimm. We will be learning about God and Creation in **R.E.**

In **P.E.** we will continue with our skilled coaching sessions on a Monday, as well as multi-sports during the after-school sessions on Thursdays. In Activities we will be doing Gardening, Cookery, Art, ICT and visiting the Humshaugh Community shop.

On Fridays, '**Show and Tell**' will continue on a theme of a '**Book Review**' where children bring in their favourite book and talk about why they have enjoyed it so much. The children have enjoyed reading extracts and discussing their preferences. Please feel free to borrow any books from the reading corner; any other special items to share with the class should also be sent in on a Friday.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, however small, please come and find me - I am now available in Class 1 every day.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Blythe