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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Autumn 2 Term. We are looking forward to getting the children settled back into school and nursery this week. Remember if you have any queries you can speak to Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Blythe at the end of the day after all the children have been reunited with their parents.

Our topic this half term is '**Traditional Tales**'. Please find a planning overview for this half term attached which details the curriculum areas we will be covering and some areas of development that we will be looking for. It includes three areas of learning or development for most curriculum areas, which apply to our three key age groups: 2 year old Nursery children (**Seeds**); 3-4 year old Nursery children (**Shoots**) and 4-5 year old Reception Year children (**Leaves**). However, please note that this is only a guide and depending on your individual child's stage of development, some of their learning this term may be happening within the band above or the band below these broad age expectations.

The topic overview also includes some other general information. It would be especially helpful if you can remember to send in **book bags** (Reception) or any suitable bag (Nursery) for letters etc to go home **every day** and also ensure your child has a **coat** in school **every day** as the weather is getting colder .

#### **Reading books:**

All Reception children will continue to have a reading book each week. These will usually be sent home on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to be returned the following **Tuesday**. In addition, the children will sometimes bring home one of our 'core books' from the year which will be very familiar to them. Nursery children may also bring home a 'core' book to share with you from time to time. Please read these to your child and encourage them to join in where they can.

#### **Phonics Homework:**

Reception children will also all have Phonics homework sent home on Wednesdays to be collected in on the following **Wednesday**.

**Please do not hesitate to come and find one of us after school, if you have any queries regarding your child's learning. We are always happy to make a time to talk with you.**

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Melanie Wilkinson**, EYFS Teacher (Monday mornings, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays)

**Mrs Karen Blythe**, Class 2 Teacher (EYFS Monday afternoons, and Thursdays)