



REIGATE ST MARY'S
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

February 2017

Dear Parents,

During the Spring Term we will be exploring the wonderful world of 'Once upon a Time'. Throughout the first half term we will be focusing our learning through Traditional Tales, whereas after half-term we will concentrate on Modern Day Tales. Until the half term the seven Areas of Learning will be focussed upon using the following books:

Week 1 and 2 The Elves and the Shoemaker.

Week 3 and 4 The Gingerbread Man.

Week 5 and 6 The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

We have planned a wide range of activities and experiences both inside and outside to include running a shoe shop in our role play. A Gingerbread House where 'Gerry' our Gingerbread lives till he runs away!!!! – watch our twitter feed to keep up to date with his travels. We will no doubt go on a troll hunt as we believe there may be a family of trolls living under the bridge in the playing fields.

As a final celebration of these traditional tales we will celebrate with a fun filled party day on the morning of the 9th February. Children are invited to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite character from a traditional tale. They will have the opportunity on world book day (in March) to come as a character from a modern day tale.

Things to do at home with your child could include:

- Dig out some of your childhood favourite traditional tales to share with your children.
- Take your child to the library to look at other traditional tales.
- Talk to them about their favourite story/stories.

Continue to encourage your children to talk about the world around them by identifying numbers on buses, signs on shops and letters in the environment.

Also please encourage your children to be independent in getting dressed by themselves. We will be concentrating this term on getting the children to attempt to zip their own coats up, and get their wet weather gear on by themselves.

Kind regards,

The Kindergarten Team

For your information. Mrs O'Neill will be away from school for the week commencing 9th January as she is attending a funeral in the USA. Miss Lorraine will be in charge of Counting Crocodiles in her absence, if you have any queries please speak to her. Mrs Sutton will be working the full week with Rhyming Rabbits.

PS if you have any old shoes or shoe boxes we would love them for our shoe shop.