



# ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."  
Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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## KS1 Autumn Term 2 2020 Twisted Tales

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing half term and are looking forward to an exciting and busy term. Our new topic is 'Twisted Tales' focussing on Music and Design & Technology. In Literacy we will be looking at traditional tales but with a twist! We will be writing stories, instructions, questions and letters as the term progresses. Our Science will be animals including humans.

Our **P.E** days are Monday and Wednesday we will be exploring outdoor games where we focus on our throwing and catching skills. If we are unable to go outside for PE, we will participate in HIIT exercises in our classrooms using videos from YouTube. We kindly ask that when it is your child's PE day that they continue to come into school in their PE kit. A reminder that the school PE kit is; A yellow PE t-shirt, appropriate black jogging bottoms and Trainers. Please note that the shorts need to be an appropriate length and can be worn under their jogging bottoms. A School jumper should be worn over the top or a plain black jumper.



Children will need to attend school in suitable outdoor PE kit and trainers. Please ensure all items of clothing are named, including shoes and socks!

### Reading Books

Pupils who regularly read at home and school make *considerably more progress in reading* and this also has a significant impact on their writing skills and overall vocabulary. Please support the school by hearing your child read each night or a minimum of four evenings a week to enable them to share books and achieve their reading certificates. We have guided reading sessions as well as individual reading during the week. This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their award for 50 reads. Please can children now bring in their books every day to school. This can be in a backpack or a book bag. This is so we can change books more often and it is easier for us to send home books. We will not be handling the yellow reading diaries unless necessary.



### Spellings

We are going to be giving out spellings this term for the children to learn. These will go out to practise at home on a Friday and we will review them throughout the term. Please practise these words with your children at home.

### Forest School

Forest School will continue to be year 1 every other Thursday afternoon starting from the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing with them for that day wellies. It is getting a lot colder so they will need additional layers!



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### ClassDojo

Please check that you are all signed up to use ClassDojo. We often use it to communicate messages to parents so we ask that you check it regularly, there are some lovely pictures of our in class learning on there as well.

### Christmas Production

We are working on bringing some form of Christmas Production to you! It won't be our traditional performance but we promise it will be just as festive. Please bear with us 😊



## **Phonics Screening Check**

The Phonics Screening Check is a compulsory assessment that all children in Year 1 must take. However, due to lockdown the Year 2 children will now be sitting it in December. It is used to assess a child's phonic decoding skills. To pass a student must correctly read around 32/40 words.

The 40 words in the check are split into sections progressing from simple word structures to trickier words with five or six letters. It is to test a child's phonic decoding skills to check they have reached the appropriate standard. The test is made up of 'real' words and 'nonsense' words. The assessment will be conducted by a member of the KS1 team at some point. Please see the PowerPoint I have put on ClassDojo about the check, if you have any questions then please ask a member of the team.



Please feel free to speak to us at any time should you have a query or would like to find out more about the activities we are planning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ward, Mr Mobey and Miss Smith ☺

