

## Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

## **Curriculum Newsletter**



Welcome to the spring 1 edition of the Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

This half term in Willow Class our topic will be 'Once Upon a Time'

Our literacy lessons will focus on writing simple captions in a variety of styles as well as retelling traditional stories and ordering stories. We will be concentrating on readin 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and a Caribbean traditional tale 'Anancy and Mr Dry Bone'. We will be starting phase 3 phonics this half term learning lots of new digraphs and even some trigraphs as well as learning some new tricky words, look out for these in your child's word tub.

We will visit **Carnforth library** on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

In maths we will concentrate on using numbers up to 10 including writing and counting and develop our addition and subtraction skills. We will explore composition of number through learning about odd and even numbers, doubling numbers and number bonds to 10.

During understanding the world sessions, we will investigate buildings such as castles and houses, exploring the materials they are made from and why. We will then design, make and evaluate a new model house strong enough for the Three Little Pigs to live in.

RE lessons this half term will be focussed on stories Jesus heard and told. Children will hear stories of the Old Testament and understand that Jesus would have heard these stories as he was growing up. We will also explore the stories that Jesus told and know that he told them to teach us about God. P.E this half term will continue to take place on **Wednesday** afternoons and will be taught by Mr McDonald. Our theme will be using dance to explore nursery rhymes.



Show and tell, will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon. You can find the up-todate list of dates and themes in the back of your child's reading record book and on our class section on the school website.

During our **circle time** sessions, we will discuss friendships. This will cover who is important to us, our families, friends, how to solve issues independently and the importance of being a good friend.



Welly request! As the weather starts to improve this term We intend to use the outdoor area on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It would therefore be helpful if your child could bring a spare pair of wellies in a named carrier bag to leave at school if they haven't already done so.

## How can I help at home?

Please spend time each evening reading with your child. Your child will have their word tubs containing past tricky words and tricky words learnt that week in phonics, please spend time looking at the words in their tub. Your child will bring books home each day to read independently with an adult. Please record any comments in their reading record book and return to school each day.

Many thanks, Mrs D. Hanson