

# K1 NEWSLETTER

Dear K1 Parents,

We would like to start by wishing all a happy new year and welcome back after the Christmas holidays.

Over the next 6 weeks we will begin a new topic, called 'Let's Pretend'.

This unit is part of the Early Years programme of the International Primary Curriculum.

The activities which have been planned will cover these strands in the following ways:

## **Independence and Interdependence**

The children will have the opportunity to take on different roles in different contexts when they explore traditional tales – 'becoming' Cinderella, for example. They will need to co-operate within a small group and express their own ideas when taking part in simple puppet plays.

## **Communicating**

This unit focuses on traditional stories and rhymes and gives the children many opportunities to observe, explore and enjoy the use of print. We will create stories and be creative through music drama and dance.

The children will have fun with numbers and shapes throughout this unit.

## **Exploring**

The children will use research skills to find out about puppets from around the world and then use simple reference material to find these places on world maps.

## **Healthy Living**

The children will have the opportunity to express their feelings when taking part in mime activities – making sad and happy faces, for example.

We have started this theme yesterday by creating a Pirate Ship corner in our classroom. The only thing that we are missing is a pirate patch and a bandanna for the

head. So if any one of you have those at home we will be happy to borrow it for this week. Next week we will change the home corner learning theme to Goldilocks and the three bears. We will have a lot of Maths involved there!

For this Unit we don't need any materials from you yet! In a few weeks I would like to invite parents to join us during circle time to tell or read a story from your home country to us, more information and sign up sheet will follow soon.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

9th February - In-Service, school finishes 11:30

13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Winter Vacation

As always, I welcome any support or suggestions which you may have.

Kind Regards,  
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