## Diamonds

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Spring Term 2024

## Topics this term include:

This half term we will be looking at 'Traditional Tales'. We will be looking at a variety of books, retelling the stories and creating our own stories. Next term the children will be looking at 'People Who Help Us' and we will be looking at the people who help us in our community.

In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be looking at Phase 3 Phonics sounds and Phase 3 tricky words. Focussing on blending these together to further develop reading, we will also be looking at sentence writing.

In Mathematics the children will begin the term by counting confidently forward and backwards to 20. The children will continue to practise writing and forming numbers to 20 correctly whilst working on strategies to count larger groups faster. The children will also look at 2D shapes, height, weight and capacity. We will also be learning about number bonds to 5.

P.E will be twice a week on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. It is an EYFS objective for the children to be able to dress themselves independently including changing shoes, therefore we do ask for you to support this at home allowing the children time to get changed and only help when necessary. The children will be required to come into school in their PE kit on PE days.

In addition to this, Understanding the World, Computing, Music, PSHE and Art/DT activities will all take place weekly.

## Homework:

Reading- Each day your child will bring a reading book home. This will be changed when your child has read their current book with ease. Reading at home really helps your child's progress. Please make sure you sign and date the orange record as they receive a star. 20 stars = a special prize from school!

Maths- We will be sending home a list of short maths activities for you to complete with your child. A sheet will be sent home explaining this.

To continue to support progress in the classroom, practising these at home as regularly as possible would be beneficial:

- Practising counting to 20 and back verbally.
- Practising writing the numbers from 0-20.
- Practise forming letters of the alphabet (lower case and capital).

Best wishes

Miss Grahame, Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Healy