



Puffins Curriculum Letter

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. The focus this half term is on '**Stories People Tell**'.

We start the half term off with a 'wow day' on Friday where the children come dressed up as character from a traditional fairy tale. During the afternoon the Owls and Puffins will be able to create new stories with their characters including a problem and solution and then have the opportunity to act their stories out.

We aim to teach as much of our curriculum through our topic and in addition will be covering the following:

- In Maths we will be following the White Rose Maths Hub planning and where appropriate, will make links with our topic. This half term we will work on multiplication and division and statistics.
- In Literacy we will continue to have daily phonic sessions including handwriting and spelling. We will continue to send home weekly spellings; please build in opportunities at home for your children to practise these.



We will be focussing on different traditional tales and using them to inspire and develop our writing.

The stories we will be focusing on this half-term are:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
 - Rapunzel
 - The Princess and the Dragon.
 - In history we will be looking at castles, where they were located and how people lived. We will also be looking at and researching Bedford Castle.
 - In Art the children will be looking at the artist Paul Klee. They will learn about his life as a Significant Individual and study his work focussing on 'The Castle and the Sun'.
 - In Science we will be learning about how plants grow.
 - In PE we will be covering games and gym.
- Puffins PE lessons will be on a **Thursday afternoon and Friday morning**. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit including trainers or plimsolls, jogging tops and bottoms. It really helps us if, on PE days, long hair is tied back and if earrings are taken out before coming to school.*



Mrs Jackson will be teaching Science and PE on Thursday afternoons.

This half-term our value is co-operation and unity.

Drop-ins are a time for you to catch us, look at your child's work and discuss any concerns etc.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term,

Miss Wyatt