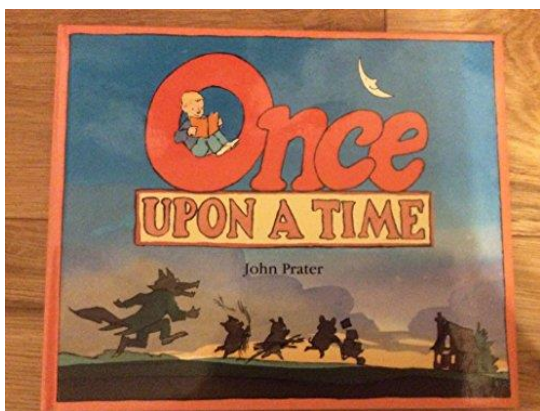


# Peek at the Week

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Welcome to Waveney Class's weekly newsletter. In it you will find out what your child has been learning about in Reception and Nursery during the week. We will also provide you with home learning activities which should be done each week.

We have had a very busy week in Waveney Class. The children have settled into the class and have been making new friends and getting used to the routines.



In Reception this week, we have been using **Once Upon a Time** by **John Prater** as our focus book to introduce our theme for this half term of **Stepping Into Fairytales**. We will be focussing on a different fairytale each week. We listened to the story and talked about the characters. Then we drew one of the characters and wrote or copied the first letter of our name or our whole name. We talked about our families, drew them, and talked about the things we like doing together.

We also talked about events in a family's day, such as cooking, cleaning, eating. Most children said that they make their own beds in the mornings. Some of us had a go at writing our family's names too. We printed our names with letter sponges. We printed with Duplo to create house pictures, then added windows and doors. We also painted self-portraits, looking at our features in a mirror. We played a game to learn everybody's names.



We have learnt all about number 1 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure - 1 kilogram, 1 litre, 1 metre and 1 centimetre. We looked at 1 penny and £1 and talked about what we thought we could buy with them. We looked at a clock showing 1 o'clock. We were introduced to a sphere, which has 1 curved surface. We found spheres outside and some of us enjoyed playing with balls of different sizes.

In phonics, Reception have played sound games using their names, copying when the teacher tapped the beat of their name and using their voices to make different sounds. We felt the vibrations in our voice box.

We have introduced our Golden Rules, which are **Do listen to people. Do be gentle. Do be kind and helpful. Do work hard. Do be honest.** It would help if you can praise your child when you see them doing these things at home.



Each week we will choose a Star of the Week who will be awarded a certificate. Well done to **Iris** who is Waveney Class's first Star of the week this week! Iris drew a lovely picture of her family this week. She has also been super-helpful at tidy up time.

In Nursery, the children have enjoyed the story of The Gingerbread Man. They painted gingerbread men and sprinkled on some powdered ginger to make them smell like real gingerbread men. They have used real raisins and buttons, as well as wobbly eyes, to add features. They have sung nursery rhymes and have enjoyed exploring the outside area.

### PLEASE NOTE!

- If you haven't already, please send in a **spare change of clothes** with your child. We occasionally have toileting accidents, and some children get overenthusiastic with water play, needing a change of clothing. Although we do have some spares, it is nicer for the children to wear their own clothes.
- **Re: planned absence** from school – If you are planning on taking your child out of school for a planned event, please contact Mrs Drax in the office to fill in a form to attach to your child's records. If this is a medical or dental appointment, please let the office know and give a copy of the appointment letter / email to Mrs Drax. Please would you also inform the office about any **illness** on the days that your child is absent, and also if there are any collection arrangements different to the normal. Thank you for your support with these.
- **Tapestry** is in the process of enrolling the new children on to our system and will, hopefully, be up and running soon.

### REMINDER!

- **PE starts on Monday**, so if you haven't already, could you send your child in with their PE kit, please.

### HOME LEARNING

**NURSERY** Draw or paint a picture of mummy or daddy.

**RECEPTION** Can you stick a photograph of your family doing something you enjoy doing together on a sheet of paper and ask mummy or daddy to write down what you are doing in your words. Have a go at writing your name on the paper.