



Week beginning: 26th November 2018

Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we continue our magic theme with a focus on the Winnie the Witch. Our activities in the Continuous Provision this week include: creating potions in the water area, colouring a multi-coloured Wilbur the Cat, building Winnie's house, retelling Winnie the Witch stories and hot-seating as Winnie. We will be exploring what happens when we mix different colours using our hands. We will be learning our Christmas play songs each day. Children have been given a part in the play - hopefully your child has told you who they are - you DO NOT need to provide any costumes as we have plenty in school. Group 1 will be doing a magical Christmas treasure hunt this week during Muddy Monday! This will be Group 1's last session before the holidays.

Learning

In Literacy we are continuing to practise and apply our phonics skills. We will also be learning the drama technique called 'hot-seating' where one person is 'Winnie the Witch' and others ask questions, which are answered in role. We will continue our handwriting sessions for Early Morning Thinking - this week we are learning to form 'one-armed robot' letters r, n and m. We will also be using large sheets of paper with chalk to practise letter formation. Our focus text this week is: *Winnie the Witch*.

In Maths, we are learning about positional language. This includes everyday language such as: next to, under, on top, above, below, between. Children will need to understand and use this language during our sessions this week - and on Thursday/Friday, we finish with a problem-solving challenge which involves Winnie losing her wand and the children following positional instructions to find it. Miss Ogden will be teaching Maths this week.

In Phonics, we will work in our 3 groups again this week. Miss Bowker's group are continuing Phase 3 and focusing on the digraphs 'zz' and 'qu'. They will be practising their writing lots and working on sentences. My group will continue to focus on confidence with blending and segmenting along with letter formation. Mrs Jones will be working with her group on phonemes r, h and b plus lots of blending and segmenting.

Home Learning

Children will be reading with their Key Workers again this week. Please make a note in your child's reading record so we know you have read with them at home.

WELL DONE to all of the children who completed the witch pencil control sheets - they all received Dojos! This week - practise writing your name ready for Christmas cards - or start writing your cards!

You can send evidence of home learning/ any 'Wow Moments' to: classr@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards, Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Please note:

Monday - Fun with Maths session.

Remember to book your Parents Evening appointment if you haven't already - it's on 5th December. You can do this online.

Monday: Whole school Assembly. Muddy Monday p.m

Tuesday: Class Assembly **Wednesday:** Singing assembly / P.E. **Thursday:** Assembly.

Friday: Achievement assembly/ PE with Phil/ Show & Tell, Miss Anwar teaching.