






<p><b>‘Tell Me A Story...’</b></p> 	<p><b>Dear Parents,</b></p> <p>Welcome back. This half term we will be continuing with our topic, ‘Tell me a story’. Now that the children have had lots of experience of traditional tales we will be using a variety of more modern story books to lead our topic as well as following the adventures of our dragon, Lucy, that we hatched last term. The children will also have lots of opportunities to explore their own interests and continue to develop their learning, physical, emotional and communication skills, in a variety of contexts. If you have any questions about any of our learning, please come and have a chat.</p> <p>Kind regards, Miss Knights</p>	
 <p><b><u>Phonics</u></b></p> <p>This half term we will be reviewing and applying all of the sounds we have learnt so far. We will be moving onto reading and spelling longer words, and continuing to work on our blending and fluency skills. We will also be reviewing the tricky words learnt so far so that we can read them on sight in our reading books and begin to spell some of these as well.</p>	<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p> <p>Children are going to be learning how to tell their own stories and express their ideas. We will work on how to give clear information so that our listener understands what we want to say, and continue to learn new vocabulary so that our stories are exciting and fun. The children will also have lots of time to communicate with each other during their free learning time; asking questions of each other, developing ideas and negotiating in their play.</p>	
<p><b><u>Writing</u></b></p> <p>The children are making great progress with their writing and this half term we will be focusing on applying lots of the skills already learnt and becoming more independent. We will keep working on our correct letter formation and using our phonics skills to help with spelling words. We are going to be writing our own stories and poems and publishing these so that we can share them with others.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b></p>  <p>This half term continues to build our number skills. We will be looking at different ways to visualise numbers to help us with our subitising skills and using different resources to find number bonds. We will also explore 3D shapes and their properties and look for and try to continue patterns in the environment. We will be learning about length and height and also talking about time and sequencing events.</p>	
 <p><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b></p> <p>We are going to be reading different cultural stories from around the world to introduce ourselves to various countries and become more familiar with the globe. We will compare the features of these places with England and with Grateley, thinking about similarities and differences in the weather, the animals that live there and the way of life. We will use our welly walks to take our learning outside and look at how the field and woods change as Spring approaches.</p>	<p><b><u>Useful information</u></b></p>  <p>Please remember you can log any events or learning you want to share, on Evidence Me. I will continue to change books every Monday and Thursday, and put word cards in folders on a Friday, along with sending short videos to demonstrate reading skills. Library books change on a Thursday. PE days continue to be Wednesday and Thursday.</p>	

