



WEEK 2 - Spring term - week beginning 13th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with another letter from the wolf, asking us to find out more about the fairytale 'Sleeping beauty', as it sounded quite calm and peaceful. The children have been finding out all they can about the story through reading a range of different versions in books, as well as singing the song 'There was a princess long ago'. They have even listened to some snippets from Tchaikovsky's music, having a go at practicing some ballet moves after watching how his music had been used to tell the story too. The children retold the fairytale in their own words, using lots of story language and vocabulary we have been hearing, for example "Once upon a time" and "a wicked fairy cast a spell".

In phonics we have been learning about the phonemes 'ng' and 'nk'. We have also learned some new tricky words thanks to Tricky Tina (aka Mrs Geoghegan in disguise!). We have added **my**, **you**, **no** and **go** to our bank of tricky words learned so far.



In Maths we have continued our learning about doubles, putting it into practice when doubling trees and thicketts around sleeping beauty's castle. The children have also started learning how to share amounts equally, making sure that all groups have the same amount. We will continue this into next week as well.

What can you do to help?

- Spot the tricky words from this week in stories. Can you use it in a sentence? For example, my dinner/you are nice/let's go out!
- Practice forming *d*, *g*, and *q* correctly with entrance and exit strokes. Now these have been taught we will encourage the children to use them every time when they are writing.
- Listen to some of Tchaikovsky's music from the sleeping beauty ballet, or watch the Disney version together!
- Can you solve doubling problems together. For example I've got 2 cakes, what would double that amount be?

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years team.

The next stay and play is on Tuesday 11th February from 8:50am. Please put this in your diary as the children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you!

