

Academy Status

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas and that the children had a well-deserved rest. Thank you again so much for all your support, kind words, cards, and gifts. We really appreciated it.

This term we will be thinking about traditional and world stories by exploring our topic 'Terrific Tales, Legends and Myths' We will cover texts such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and Handa's Surprise and focus our geographical learning on the UK, specifically Cheltenham, Australia, China and Africa. We will be tasting fruit, learning about Chinese New Year, looking at how things grow and doing some mapping.

We will also be continuing with daily Phonics and Maths sessions, reading lots of stories and singing lots of rhymes. The children will continue to bring their new phonics sound, harder to read and spell words and a poem home with them each week as well as their reading and numbots homework (logins are in the front of the children's reading records).

This term's whole school value is 'Perseverance' which we will learn more about in our services as well as in the classroom.

Below are some reminders:

TEACHERS

Monday and Tuesday - Mrs Alexander

Wednesday to Friday - Mrs Readman

TEACHING PARTNER

Ms Freer

Things to bring to school:

- A named book bag
- A named coat (even if it is warm a waterproof 'just in case' is a good idea!)
- A named water bottle (not in book bags please!)
- A named packed lunch if they're having one
- A named PE kit (PE will take place twice a week. PE kit can stay in school and will be sent home at half-term for a freshen up. Please make sure all long hair is tied back every day and that everything is named.)

We will continue to communicate with you through Tapestry and will also put things on the school website. If you need to talk to us you can often catch us at the beginning of the day to pass on a message e.g. who is picking your child up, if you need to discuss something where you need more of our time please ring the main office to arrange a meeting or e-mail the office at the address below:
Admin@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk

Best wishes, The Reception Team