



Opal Class Newsletter

October, Term 2



This Term

Dear Parents/ carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break with your child, and we are excited to welcome them back to school.

Our topic for Term 2 is 'Will you read me a story?' This term, we will find out more about our favourite stories and discover some new ones. We'll look at different character types and decide whether our favourite characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! Using different materials and shapes, we'll build castles and bridges. Our mathematical skills will help us to count the buttons on gingerbread men and estimate how many beans Jack has got! We'll also test the right materials to make a bed for a princess, and houses for the Three Little Pigs.

Help your child prepare for their project

Reading fairy tales can sweep us away into a fantastical world. Why not visit your local library together to read lots of different versions? You could also watch children's films on this theme and discuss the different types of characters. Alternatively, you could use toys to retell favourite fairy tales.

key vocabulary:

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| • fairy tale | • character | • home | • who? |
| • story | • good | • castle | • Where? |
| • magic | • bad | | • what doing? |

Important Dates

Anti-bullying Week: 10-14th November

Odd Sock Day 10th November

Poppies on sale: 4th-11th November

Dates and details of Christmas activities to follow later on in the term

Reminders

Please can the pupils come in wearing their P.E kits on **Wednesdays**. For safety, we ask that earrings are removed before school and long hair is tied back. We also do daily physical activities in our outdoor area and sensory circuits as and when individual pupils require this. Please let us know if you would like any support to do sensory circuits at home as we know it can help our pupils with their focus and regulation.

Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced. At this time of year, wet weather clothing is recommended, for example, waterproof coat, waterproof trousers or puddle suit and welly boots. For snack time, the children are welcome to bring in a small, healthy snack, for example a piece of fruit/vegetable or crackers.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us. We also use this app during the school day to reward the children for positive contributions which can be shared with you also.



Opal



Ruby



Topaz



Quartz



Sapphire



Emerald