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Dear Parents,

Our topic for this term is 'Once upon a time...' during which we shall be reading many traditional tales. If your child has a favourite fairy tale or traditional story that they wish to bring in and share with the class, then please send them in.

#### **Parent's evening**

Please book an appointment by visiting the school website if you have not already done so.

#### **Dress up day**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be having another dress up day when the children may come to school dressed as a character from a traditional story. Please let me know if you wish to borrow dressing up clothes.

#### **Sound books**

Please continue to practise the letter sounds and actions with your child for a few minutes each day as your support with phonics has a real impact on your child's progress.

#### **Show and Tell**

We encourage the children to bring in things that interest them to show to the class like a favourite book, something they found on a walk or a leaflet or photograph from somewhere they have visited. We are also keen to see drawings, writing or other things the children have made at home. We do, however, discourage the children from bringing in toys as they can get lost, broken or muddled up with classroom toys. The Show and Tell tray is in the carpet area of the classroom.

#### **Forest School**

Forest School will continue on Friday mornings this term. Please ensure your child's bag is packed with warm layers including jumpers, thick socks, **hats** and warm **gloves**.

#### **Coats**

Outdoor learning is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and the children have access to the outdoor area throughout the day. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat in school every day.



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### Pantomime

We have booked tickets to take the Reception children on a trip to The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to watch the pantomime of 'Dick Whittington' this term as part of our topic. Further details to follow shortly. In past years parents have helped transport the children to the theatre which helps to significantly reduce the cost of the trip. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be able to help with transportation.



### Barnaby Bear

We have been inspired by a lovely Julia Donaldson story called 'Everywhere Bear' that Arthur brought in for us to share. The class bear in the story spends time with each of the children joining in with family activities not just when they go away on holiday. Barnaby Bear would like to come and visit all the Robins and the teachers! He has a diary which he would like the children to add photos to so that they can share their weekend news with the class. Each weekend he will visit someone new. If you are unable to print photos at home then please email them to the office or your child could draw a picture to add instead.

### Family photos

Please send in a family photo in the picture frame that was sent home last term if you have not already done so as it would be lovely to have a picture for all the class. We can print a photo if you do not have facilities to do so at home if you email them to [admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk). If you do not wish to send in a photo, please return unused photo frames.

### Tapestry

You should have received an email link to your child's online learning journey, please let me know if you haven't received one. Your child will only have a few photos in the journal at the moment, but we will be adding more observations regularly over the course of the year. Please add your own observations of things your child has done outside of school as this will help us to make accurate judgements regarding their attainment in the Early Learning Goals by the end of Reception.

Many thanks,

Mrs Netting