



1st October 2010



Let's Pretend

Reception

We're Learning Something New!

Dear Parents,

Next week Reception will begin a new topic, called 'Let's Pretend'.

This unit is part of the Early Years programme of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum has been specially written for young children who are in schools out of their home country and sets out clearly what children should learn in four groups or 'strands' - these are called 'Independence and Interdependence', 'Communicating', 'Exploring', and 'Healthy Living'.

The activities which have been planned will cover these strands in the following ways:

Independence and Interdependence

The children will have the opportunity to take on different roles in different contexts when they explore traditional tales - 'becoming' Cinderella, for example. They will need to co-operate within a small group and express their own ideas when taking part in simple puppet plays.

Communicating

This unit focuses on traditional stories and rhymes and gives the children many opportunities to observe, explore and enjoy the use of print. We will create stories and be creative through music drama and dance.

The children will have fun changing numbers and shapes in the 'magic box'.

Exploring

The children will use research skills to find out about puppets from around the world and then use simple reference material to find these places on world maps.

Healthy Living

The children will have the opportunity to express their feelings when taking part in mime activities - making sad and happy faces, for example.

We will begin this theme on **Monday 4th October** when the children will watch a puppet show of a well-known traditional tale, performed by our very own Teaching Assistants!

As always, we welcome any support or suggestions which you may have. Please read the Peek at the Week letters for more details as the theme progresses!

