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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back, we hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all our lovely cards and gifts.

This term our topic is called 'Into the Woods'. We will be reading books such as 'The Gruffalo', 'The Very Busy Spider' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be learning about different animals and where they live and also about life cycles. Additionally, this term we will be celebrating and learning and Lunar New Year and visiting the Chinese Restaurant.

We will be learning more new sounds with two letters (digraphs) such as ch, sh, etc. These new sounds will be stuck into the green sound books. Learning these new sounds and recapping the old sounds is really beneficial to the children's reading and writing and we would be very grateful if you could continue to practise these sounds at home.

Starting the first week back, we will be sending home a spelling activity pack. This will be updated each Friday and will include new words to practise each week, following on from work we have been doing in class. We would be very grateful if you could find a small amount of time to practise spelling these words on the sheet with your child, and it would be helpful for us if you could comment or show an example of your child trying any of the activities too. In addition, please keep encouraging the children to practise reading the words in their red books.

Finally, please could you check that you have returned PE bags with indoor and outdoor PE kits. Thank you.

If you have any questions about our topic or about anything else we are doing in school please come and ask.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Teachers.