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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 Highway Rat' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be learning about different animals, where they live and what they eat. Additionally, this term we will be celebrating and learning and Lunar New Year and visiting the Chinese Restaurant at the end of the term.

We will be learning new sounds with two letters (digraphs) such as th, ng and ee. Please look out for the phonics stickers in the reading records. The children will also be wearing stickers home each day so please ask them about their new sound. Learning these new sounds and recapping the old sounds is 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 next week, 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 continue to listen to your child read at home.

Finally, please could you check that you have returned PE bags with outdoor PE kits. We are also continuing to explore the outdoor area so the children will also need their wellies (labelled with names).

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