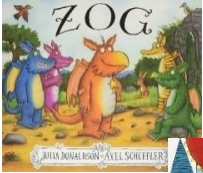




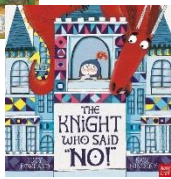
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Our class texts...

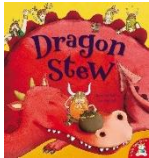
These words are identified as part of our weekly story time and are known as 'golden words'. How many ways can you use them at home? What do they mean?



Expert
Capture
Exclaimed
Soothing
Triumph



Swooping
Prickly
Clenched
Uncertain
Impress



Hollered
Suggested
Amused
Collapsed
Quest



Rascally
Entire
Politely
Jiggle

Other texts: Not now Bernard - David McKee
Shuffle and Squelch - Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt
The Worm that Wouldn't Wiggle - Steve Attwell

Key Learning this term...

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and we wish you a Happy New Year! This term our topic is 'Don't Wake the Dragon!' We are looking forward to the wonderful stories we have planned to use, and the exciting castle.

In **Maths** this term we are comparing numbers up to 10, looking at how to break ten into groups and how to add numbers together within 10. We will also begin to look at measures.

In **Literacy** we are beginning to use finger spaces and exclamation marks. We will look at rhyming stories, non-fiction books as well as lots of stories about dragons.

In some of our other topic areas we are:

- Playing cooperatively and taking turns, following school rules.
- Learning to use a range of tools such as knives and forks and peelers, as well as knowing we wash our hands before cooking and need to brush our teeth twice a day to stay healthy.
- We will learn about Chinese New Year, thinking about how people believe and celebrate different things.
- We will discuss how we are special, and how babies are welcomed in Christian and Muslim families. We will also think about our special world.
- We will practise scooting or balance-biking on a set course including steering, stopping, picking up speed and gliding with confidence.
- We will look after bugs, birds and hedgehogs in our garden.
- We are practising our tripod grip as we draw, paint and create to make art.
- We will push needles through a cloth to learn the skills of sewing.
- We will be visiting the school library.
- This term for phonics we will be learning phase 3 sounds which are all digraphs and trigraphs (see reading diaries, homework books and below)

Reminders...

This term we will continue to stick the weekly phonics overview in the children's homework books. Please make sure your child's homework book is in their bag every Wednesday ready for us to stamp & add in a new sheet.

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day, they will have 2 books each week (a decodable phonics reading book and a sharing book for you to read to them and enjoy together).

Water bottles are sent home on Friday and brought back on Monday.

PE kits should be in school at all times. PE will be every Thursday. They will come home at the end of the half term for a wash!

Free fruit is provided for all children every day, if you choose to bring a snack please ensure it is fruit or vegetables in a named, reusable container.

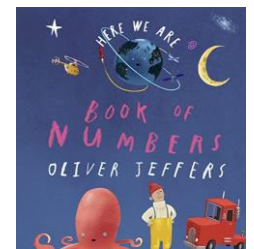
We are working hard on fine motor control and using tools. We are having a big push this term on the use of a knife and fork at dinner time. Please can you practise this at home too?

	Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ai ee igh oa	
Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they
Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all
Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp ff	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	

Dates for the diary...

29th January - Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake)
3rd February - Mock Baptism at Church
3rd-9th February - Children's Mental Health Week
W/C 10th February - Parents Evening
Friday 14th February - Last Day of Term

Recommended Read!



Please do contact us about any worries or queries you have. It is easiest and best to catch us at the end of the school day, but you could also email us via info@allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our school value this term is

Service

'Serve one another in love.'