



**Roselands & Stafford**  
Federation

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Dear Families,

The children have really enjoyed our Fairy Tale Journeys topic, especially the Gingerbread Man which we are sure you have heard lots about! We have finished the topic today with a visit from the Police and Fire Service, which the children loved! We would like to thank Niamh and Elsa's Mum for organising this for us. It was a great way to end our topic.

Our next topic is Bears. We will be focusing on the books 'The Bear Hunt', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and 'Where's my Teddy' as well as learning about real bears. You can view our Medium Term Plan on the school website. Our super start this term will be Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the children will enter into a scene from the Three Bears Cottage. This is a surprise for the children.

As a fabulous finish to the Bears topic, we will be taking the children over to the park for a teddy bears picnic (weather permitting) and the children can all bring in their own teddy bear. This will be on the morning of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and we will need parent helpers please. If you are able to help, let your class teacher know.

In Phonics, we will be introducing Phase 5 alternative graphemes. The children will learn different ways of representing the same sound and will begin to use these in their reading and writing. We will continue to change books twice a week. Your child will be entered into the prize draw if they read daily at home. Please write this in their Reading Journal. Daily reading at home will make a big impact to your child's progress.

For half term we will send the children home with some work to help them with their reading and writing. These may be letter formation practise sheets or Phase 3 sounds to practise at home. It would be really helpful if you could do these with your children and it will help move them forward in their learning.

Thank you for all your donations to our mud kitchen; they are really appreciated and very valuable to the children's learning.

Thank you for all your continued support.

The Foundation Stage Team