18 December 2019

Dear Parents

**Reception – Storytelling Workshop**

As you may be aware, last year we introduced a new method to teach writing within school. This new “Talk for Writing” approach incorporates story mapping and extending children’s vocabulary to improve their story telling.

The children are really enjoying this new approach and as a school we feel it is important to do all we can to encourage this enthusiasm. Therefore we have organised a visit into school from a professional story teller.

The workshop will take place on **Monday 13 January 2020** and will give the children the opportunity to become immersed in storytelling. They will listen to a story, which will be accompanied by props and puppets and they will then explore the characters and the structure of the story. The children will also have the chance to make their own puppets to recreate the tale.

To make the experience even more special we are asking if children could come to school **dressed as a character from a traditional tale on this day**.

The cost of the workshop will be covered by our Parent Staff & Friends Association (PSFA). We appreciate your ongoing support and we look forward to working together further to encourage a love of stories and storytelling with your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Mason
Head of Early Years

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