Dear Parents,

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and good start to the new year. Our new topic this half term is ‘Let’s Pretend’.

The children will have the opportunity to take on different roles in different contexts when they explore traditional tales — ‘becoming’ Cinderella, for example. They will need to co-operate within a small group and express their own ideas when taking part in simple puppet plays.

This unit focuses on traditional stories and rhymes and gives the children many opportunities to observe, explore and enjoy the use of print. We will create stories and be creative through music drama and dance.

The children will use research skills to find out about puppets from around the world and then use simple reference material to find these places on world maps.

If you have any odd socks or gloves we would greatly receive them to create puppets.

We will be covering stories such as ‘Goldilocks’, ‘The Three Little Pigs’, ‘Gingerbread man’, ‘Porridge pot’ and ‘Little Red Riding Hood’. We will end the topic by having a Traditional Tales dress up day where the children can come in dressed as a character from a Traditional Tale. This will take place on Friday the 15th February. No Super Heroes or Disney princesses please.

Across the school, each class will be choosing a ‘writer of the week’. This would be a child who has shown determination, focus and enjoyment in writing during the week. We will also be starting Super Sentence writing each morning when children come into school.

Please look at our weekly blog on the school website for information on the learning each week and posts on the tapestry. Please feel free to upload any photos of your children’s learning at home on tapestry.

Many thanks,
The Early Years Team