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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reception have had a lovely week exploring their 'Into the woods' topic a little further.

### **Miss Ashton**

As you are all aware, Miss Ashton is currently not at school. Unfortunately, Miss Ashton is very poorly, so unfortunately she is unable to attend school. We are not able, at this stage to tell you when she will return due to this, so I do apologise. Unfortunately, we cannot control illness. However, we can tell you that we have secured a very experienced teacher to cover until Miss Ashton's return. It was very important to us that the excellent work that Miss Ashton and her team set up continues regardless, which is why we did not want different supply teachers covering sporadically. Consistency and high quality learning will continue. Mrs Burrows luckily comes to us with many, many years of teaching experience and most recently she has had the pleasure of teaching some of your children at Kirkhamgate. Of course she will continue to be ably supported by Mrs Sellars and Miss Belford.

I will keep you informed of Miss Ashton's return. To give you pre-warning, Parents Evening is looking unlikely for the date set; however, again I will keep you updated on this. If this is the case, it will be rescheduled upon Miss Ashton's return, as I know that she was really looking forward to having a detailed discussion about your child's learning.

Many thanks for your understanding with this situation. Library times, letters, morning/ after school chats about your child before and after schools, continues as normal.

### **Mathematical learning**

Children have consolidated prior learning of 2D shapes within our topic 'Into the woods' by creating Autumnal shape mobiles. They were able to excitedly talk about the names and features of the shapes in the mobile and evaluate their choice of materials to decorate the shapes.

### **PE**

The children have absolutely loved PE this week! They enjoyed copying, repeating and creating actions based on the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. They were able to focus on big, medium and small movements.

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### Autumn walk

The children had an enjoyable Autumn walk in the school grounds on Tuesday before the snow fell on Wednesday, prompting an exciting wintery walk! The children collected a variety of autumn treasures on which have been used on the Autumn treasure table, creative area and water areas of provision.

### Remembrance day

The children have been working together as a team to learn the reasons why the poppy is so important. The children worked together brilliantly to create a class size poppy. They respectfully stood for two minutes to think about the brave soldiers who fought during the war.



### Phonics

Children are working hard to learn new sounds in phonics and continue to show a fabulous attitude in Read Write Inc. activities. We are so proud of the Phonics developments our children are making. You will be pleased to know that we have uploaded all of the films from the teaching in Reception into the Phonics area of our website. We are so proud of our children and of course our staff who shone in these. The videos will now be used internationally and nationally to train leaders and teachers on the RWI methods. Jerry Clay is on the map and we are all incredibly proud, as I know that you all will be too!

### Open morning

It will be our Open Morning tomorrow. We cannot believe that a year has gone by since the last one! If you do have any family and friends thinking about school places for next year, please do prompt them to come to our morning at 10am until 12pm.

Thank you all and have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Swinburne, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Miss Belford

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