"Will you read me a story?"

Let's read a story! Next term Reception will be learning lots of stories and traditional tales. They will be learning to retell stories and use story language in their own play. Even though it seems like a long time away, this will help them to begin to form the basis of writing their own stories when they get to Year One.

At Longwood we offer homework in a variety of ways. Your child may choose from the following projects or make-up their own and can complete as many as they wish:

- Make a sock or stick puppet to help retell a story.
- Create your own story book.
- Make a prop to help you retell a story.
- Draw a part or character from your favourite story.
- Share as many stories as you can. Take a photo of your story time.
- Make your own story food e.g gingerbread house or man, 'poison' apple, magic potions.

Parents - how to help your child:

- Please encourage your child to write and form their letters correctly whenever possible especially those in their name.
- Ensure that your child brings their library book & their home readers (if they have one) every week.
- Ask your child to help you count how many altogether, e.g. I have 3 pieces of Lego, you have 4. How many is that altogether?
- Point out shapes in the environment, e.g. your dinner plate is a circle, a football is a sphere.
- Point out numbers in the environment, e.g. on buses and front doors.
- Watch the daily phonics videos on Google Classroom to support their reading.
- Encourage independence with skills such as using cutlery, doing up buttons and zips, getting dressed, pouring cold drinks etc
 - Merry Christmas and happy new year! We look forward to seeing all of your homework soon! Thank you, Miss Ranch 3