Year 1 Spring 1 2018
Dear Parents/carers,

## **Enchanted Woodland**

If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a BIG surprise!

Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady-eyed owls in swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints ..... animal or imp? You decide!

Deciduous or evergreen? What can you find? Can you match a leaf to its tree? Can you match a petal to its flower?

Let's build a den, stick by stick and branch by branch. Or we could make a home for a teeny tiny fairy!

We are really looking forward to our visit to Clumber Park and exploring the woods. We will be investigating the different plants and animals found in this habitat and also developing our sense of outdoors.

In English we will be looking at books by Eric Carle. The children will be following the adventures of the Hungry Caterpillar, the Bad Tempered Ladybird and the Mixed up Chameleon. They will be retelling stories, innovating these stories to create their own and also analysing the characters. The children will learn about the beginning, middle and end of a story and also discuss the settings. We will continue to learn the phonic sounds and segment and blend the sounds in words. This half term the children will also look at poems around animals and the use of adjectives to describe them.

In Maths the children will be learning to add and subtract numbers within 20. The children will learn to use their current knowledge of making 10 to assist their addition and subtraction.

In Science we will be investigating the changes in seasons and also the varied weather that is associated with this change.

Within this topic we will also learn about maps and directions, the different types of trees and also the use of natural materials in the environment.

It is going to be a busy half term, full of excitement and smiles but if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, Mrs Rogers, Miss Lawery, Miss Bell and Mrs Pollard.



