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Dear parents

Happy new year to you all! A new year, a new term and another new topic for the children in Owl class! Last term the children all really enjoyed our 'Amazing Imagination' topic so I'm hoping our new topic '[Special Stories](#)' will continue to inspire them to learn and be creative in many different ways. In particular we will be concentrating on stories by the authors Julia Donaldson and Janet and Allan Ahlberg including the following stories...



A topic web showing the variety of cross-curricular activities I have planned is posted on the school website for your information.

Thank you to all parents who regularly make comments in the reading diary and hear their child read regularly - it is a really good way for us to communicate about your child's reading and to ensure your child continues to make progress. Books will continue to be changed weekly. It is important your child reads and rereads each of their books so they become more fluent and read with increasing expression.

Next week we will be asking the children to **bring in their favourite/special book for RE**. It could be a photograph album, a favourite picture book or story - anything! We would like the children to bring their book to school on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. We would also welcome any donations of junk modelling material e.g., cardboard boxes, tubes etc as we will be designing and making our own 'truly magnificent' broom in the next couple of weeks! I will also send out details of another informal reading/phonics information meeting to support you in helping your child to read at home and learn new digraphs and trigraphs in Unlocking Letters and Sounds.

**Magic Squares:** Some of the children will be bringing home Magic Squares to help them learn Phase 3 sounds which are proving tricky for them to recall. Magic Squares are a very quick teaching tool used to help children learn, recognise and say sounds. There will always be a sheet included with the square to explain how they work, however if you do have any questions, please

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contact me. I will send home the Phase 3 sounds video link to help you say the sounds correctly when practising with your child.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you are concerned in any way about your child. I look forward to another successful and busy term with the children.

Yours sincerely

Emma Payne

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