

Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring 1



Once Upon a Time

We would like to welcome you back after the Christmas holiday and hope that you all had a fantastic time. I am excited to be back in Foundation Stage working with your children and am looking forward to getting to know them all and moving their learning forward.

This half term, we will be looking at Traditional Tales.



P.S.H.E.



This term's focus is 'Emotional Health and Well-being and Economic well-being and financial capability'. Within this theme the children will be exploring their feelings and talking about how to distinguish and act upon theirs and other people's feelings. We will be using books such as 'Dogger' to explain this. We will also be talking about the jobs that they do to help you and how adults work and where their money is used.



Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be reading lots of Traditional Tales and talking about their features. The children will be going into the woodland garden to act out the stories of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man and The

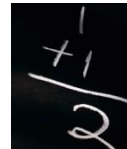
Three Little Pigs. We will be reading lots of different versions of the same story so the children can see the similarities and differences between them. They will be writing the beginning, middle and end of a stories, describing characters and using speech bubbles. You can support your child at home by reading these stories and talking about the characters, events and what could happen next. Your child will continue to work on their phonics and key words. It is very important that you read with your child at home and please don't forget to write/ initial if you have read to them. We change books on Monday and Friday but if you want us to change them in between, please ask.

Physical Development

This half term your child will be having PE on **Thursday** and **Friday**.



Mathematics



This term we will continue to work on number recognition and writing numbers to 10 and beyond. We will be learning all about a 'whole' and 'half' through baking cakes for Granny. They will be doing adding and being introduced to the number bonds that make 10 i.e. $5+5$, $8+2$, $9+1$. Shape and measuring will also be reinforced through building the correct size and shape house for the pigs and a bridge big enough and long enough for a goat to cross. You can help your child at home by continuing to recognise and write their numbers at home. Drawing sets of objects and adding/ taking them away. If you bake or when making sandwiches, get them to cut them in half, quarters etc.



Understanding the World

This term your child will be using the computers to create images and sounds to go with our work on Traditional Tales.

They will be using the programmable toys to navigate through the woods to get to grannies house.

They will be doing RE with Mrs Slaney every Monday afternoon where they will be exploring bible stories and prayers.

The children will be doing lots and lots of baking this term they will be baking cakes, porridge, gingerbread men and bread.

In science, Mrs Slaney is getting the children to investigate lots of different topics like magnets and light and dark.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using different media to create pictures and models to do with our topic.

We will be making salt dough bears and

We will also be acting out 'We're going on a bear hunt' in P.E. and singing and performing in music.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 8th February ~ Traditional Tales

Character dressing up day.

Thank you for your continued support.
Please come and see me or Mrs Slaney if you have any concerns about your child.

Miss Woolley and Mrs Slaney