

Our theme this term is

'Traditional Tales'

This term's theme will allow us to explore traditional tales. We will work on one tale per week, as well as investigating alternative traditional tales such as 'The Three Ninja Pigs' and 'The Three Horrid Little Pigs'



If you have anything you feel you can contribute towards this topic or have any suggestions about how we could enhance our theme further then please note them in the children's home learning books, or tell your class teacher!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will work on describing themselves in positive terms. We will continue to promote our expectations for positive behaviour.

Communication and Language

Traditional tales will provide us with opportunities to retell stories and begin to understand story structures; what happens at the beginning, in the middle and at the end? What was the problem? How was it resolved? We will retell stories using story maps as well as props and story boxes.

Literacy

The children will be supported to write labels, simple sentences and attempt short stories. Blending and segmenting to sound out words when they read and write. The children are keen writers now and we encourage writing in different situations and for different purposes. The children use their phonic learning to sound out so lots of words are not correctly spelt and this is what we expect.

Phonics

We will continue to follow our phonics programme 'Letters and Sounds'. This term we will be continuing phase 3, this will include digraphs-two letters which make one sound, such as 'ch' 'sh' The children will use this learning to read slightly more complex words and sentences.

Phase 3 Sounds								
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We will also be looking closely at phase 3 tricky words.

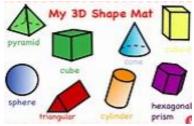
Please read every night with your child and go through their sound mats and tricky words. As well as spending time on the apps-'Reading Eggs' and 'Fast Phonics'.

Maths

We will continue the maths scheme where the children focus on one number a week, as well as other mathematical concepts. The number will be explored in many ways encompassing a whole range of learning and understanding.

For example the number 12 will be shown as 12p, 2kg, 2 o'clock, 2cm,

2metres. This is an exciting way of making every number more meaningful. The children will be recognising and ordering numbers to 20. We will work on one more and one less. They will learn to describe shapes using vocabulary such as 'curved surface' and 'apex'. The children will also work on measuring and capacity. Please use MathsSeeds app-same login as Reading Eggs. ©



Physical Development

Squirrels will be having PE games with a Sport's practitioner during terms 3. We will be encouraging skills in dressing and undressing ready for PE. Please support us by allowing your child to dress and undress as independently at home too. Thank you.

Also please appreciate that when 30 children change for PE named clothing is vital, especially if you would like your child to come home wearing the same clothes.

Class P.E. takes place every Monday.

Understanding the World

The children will look at patterns and change. Investigating change as they explore traditional tales, like making bread. Also why the straw house was weak and the bricks were strong? Challenging them to make bridges too similar to the one the 'Billy Goats' had to cross.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will work cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a story. They will also explore different textures and media to create with a purpose in mind.

This term it is Hedgehog's class will be enjoying

Forest School.

Forest School is every Thursday. The children will be divided into two groups, look out for a letter explaining when it is your child's turn and what they need to wear. Thank you.

Thank you for the 'Proud Clouds' you are sharing with us. Celebrating achievements at home is wonderful.

We would ideally love to visit the local library to promote our topic on traditional tales, however if this isn't possible as an alternative we would like to celebrate story telling. If you would be prepared to read a story to your child's class that would be wonderful. You could film yourself and send it via

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Please fill in the questionnaire about stories and books we will be sending home. We would like to share favourite stories you may have had as a child and why... thank you in advance.



Next Steps have come home. These will explain ways we support your child at school and how you can support them at home. Thank you for your support