

## Nursery Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break.

During this half term we will focus on traditional tales as the children enjoy listening to stories and this theme will allow them to use their imagination.

The stories will help children to celebrate beauty, happiness, the mystery of life and how to be generous. It will also teach children to avoid traits of laziness, selfishness and cruelty. We will emphasise and talk about what is real and what is pretend. We will read a variety of stories which include, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Children will focus on the structure of the story, recalling the main events and ordering pictures from the story.

The children will hear the stories using varied styles of learning, auditory, visual, and kinaesthetic. The children will have the opportunities to hear the stories, look at the books, watch the story being told on the interactive whiteboard, use puppets and re-enact the stories with props. We will encourage children to participate by role-playing for building self-esteem and taking turns, aiding in interaction and cooperation. Having the children retell the story and learn new songs and rhymes improves speaking and listening skills.

In mathematics the children will sort bears, chairs and beds by size. They will compare and order the size of straw, sticks and bricks. They will also complete different puzzles and jigsaws with varying degrees of difficulty. Children will continue to learn 2D shape names and discuss the properties of shapes. They will also make repeating patterns, develop their number recognition to at least 10 using Ten Town and further improve their counting skills.

To develop our physical skills we will practice walking on steps and over the bridge when enacting "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through making marks. Children will continue to write their names and copy familiar words such as mam and dad. We will also take part in Little Kickers (ball skills) session every Wednesday during the next half. Please make sure your child comes dressed in a tracksuit/leggings (non uniform) on a Wednesday. Children will also take part in balance bike sessions throughout the half term.

Within our Letters and Sounds programme, we will continue to focus on the initial sounds of words and blending sounds together to make words. We will segment sounds that we can hear in words and children will continue to identify rhyming words.

In preparation for Reception next year, children will begin to attend a whole school celebration assembly on a Friday morning.

Please can you make sure you put your child's name in all of their clothing and make sure that they always have a spare clothes bag on their pegs.

**Nursery will be having their school trip in the final half term. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the visit.**

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