

Reading



Lilac level reading books:

Please encourage your child to narrate the story independently, answer questions using picture clues, and make predictions. You can also play 'I spy' or give your child word clues in 'Fred Talk' for them to find in the pictures.

Pink level reading books:

Please ensure your child is using their finger to sound out each word carefully, and to track from word to word. Their focus will be on confidence in segmenting, and developing their blending skills.

Please ensure all reading books are in their book bag every day.

Please can we encourage you to read with your child four times a week. We have a raffle ticket system in place whereby the children's names are added to a raffle draw each month in order to win a book prize. They are awarded a raffle ticket when they read with you at home four times between reading sessions with us.

Library books



A reminder that we change the children's library books every Friday. Please only send it in on a Friday.

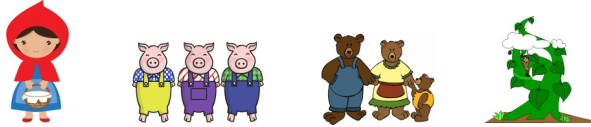
Want to help at home?

If you have any versions of traditional stories at home, please read them with your child so they can compare different versions. Can they:

- sequence the story?
- retell it using known repeated phrases?
- draw a story map?
- build the setting e.g. castle, straw house?
- tell the story using puppets?
- learn any songs about the story?



Our topic this half term is: **Terrific Tales**



Topic learning

We will start the term with a week focussing on Autumn and Bonfire Night, then we will start our topic for this half term; Terrific Tales.

We will focus on each of these stories, one week at a time:

- Little Red Riding Hood
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The 3 Little Pigs
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears

We will explore the characters and setting in each story and retell the stories in different ways. Our Discovery Time learning will be linked to these stories too.

We will also have lots of festive fun with our learning in the weeks leading up to Christmas: getting crafty, singing songs and learning about different Christmas traditions.

RE



In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Celebrating Birthdays'. We will learn how we celebrate birthdays in our families and then move onto learning how Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

Maths



This term we will start using 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet characters 1 to 5.

We will also spend time focussing on sorting objects and numbers using different criteria, looking for patterns with number and comparing sets. Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.

Phonics (Read Write Inc)



So far, we have taught the sounds **masdt inpgo ckub fel** and we will continue teaching individual sounds to the children using the Read Write Inc. sounds and picture clues. Please refer to your child's sound card bag which was in their summer activity pack. To help at home please continue to add more pictures, with your child, to their 'Sounds Book'.

Each week we also practise reading CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, orally segmenting and blending CVC words and building CVC words using the sounds we have learned so far. Can they practise these skills at home?

PE Days:



We will continue to have our PE lessons each Monday and Friday.

After a half term focussing on Gymnastics we will be completing a unit of Dance this term. We will not need the children to wear shorts under their joggers for Dance.

Please can we remind you that the children should come to school wearing their green school jumper on PE days.