Phonics and reading

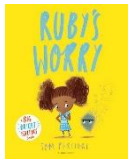
The children are making good progress through the Little Wandle phonics scheme, developing recall for sounds we've taught so far and skills to segment words. The children will be introduced to the remaining single sounds and digraphs this half term. We will continue sending these sounds home for you to practise – as much as possible please!

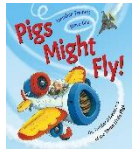
Following assessments before Half Term, the children will begin their differentiated guided reading sessions with us in school, and will begin bringing home these books every Friday.

Please can we remind you to read with your child **at least 4 times a week**, and record this in your child's green reading log. You will have noticed that we have started highlighting in your child's log every Friday as we check reading practice that week. If your child has either read their guided reading book or practised their phonics 4 times, then they get a raffle ticket. 1 raffle ticket winner is chosen every month, and they win a book to keep.

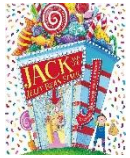
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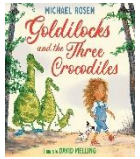
The children are really getting to grips with how to use known letter shapes and phonic sounds to record words for writing. These are the stories we will be covering this half term:













Our topic this half term is:

Terrific Tales



Topic learning

We will start the term with a week focussing on Bonfire night and fireworks. We will also learn about the festival of light 'Diwali' during this week.

The following week we will start our topic for this half term; Terrific Tales.
We will focus on each of these stories, one week at a time:

- The three little pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Jack and the beanstalk
- Goldilocks

We will explore the characters and setting in each story and retell the stories in different ways.

Finally, there will be lots of festive fun with our learning in the weeks leading up to Christmas; getting crafty, singing songs and learning about different Christmas traditions.

Maths

This term we will consolidate our recent learning about numbers 1, 2 and 3 and then learn about numbers 4 and 5. The children will practice recall of addition facts and 1 more / 1 less facts for each number between 1 and 5.

We will extend the children's understanding of 2D shapes (circle, triangle, rectangle and square) to include facts about each shape e.g. a triangle has 3 sides, a square has 4 equal sides.

PE days

We will be having our PE lessons on **Mondays** and **Fridays** this half term. Both sessions are indoors.

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.

Want to help at home?

If you have any versions of traditional tales 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?