

Happy New Year! This term our topic is we will be learning all about traditional tales:

Personal Emotional and Social Development

To help us get along with each other, we will be learning how to be a good friend. We will look at characters from some traditional tales and discuss their behaviour. Should Goldilocks' go into the three bears' house? Was Jack right to sneak into the giant's castle? We will be using circle time to develop our listening, thinking and talking skills by sharing our own experiences.

When sharing books with your child, talk about the characters and their behaviour. What would they do in the situation?

Communication and Language

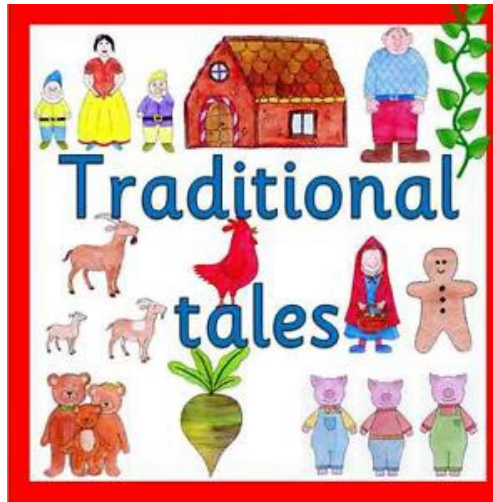
As part of our topic, we will be re-enacting stories, performing puppet shows and pretending to be different characters from the stories we have read. Children will have the opportunity to make up their own stories and perform them to the rest of the class.

We will be expecting your child to complete their Poetry Challenge this term. Encourage them to rehearse these poems so they speak clearly and slowly to achieve the poetry award!

You can help your child by encouraging them to retell the stories they have heard. Here is a link for the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VV86KIjBJFI>

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Literacy

Over the course of this term, we will be reading traditional tales such as, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, Chicken Licken and The Billy Goats Gruff. We will be retelling the stories and making simple story books to take home and share with you.

To help us improve our children's writing, we will be starting the Kite Challenge! This challenge requires children to learn to read and write 100 words.

You can help your child by reading with them every day. Let your child read to you. We are sure you will be pleased with the amount of progress they have made.

Mathematical Development

This term, we will be adding and subtracting single digit numbers. We will also be learning our doubles to 6. Last term we named 2D shapes, so this term we will be learning the names of 3D shapes. We will be comparing different sizes. We will also be measuring...the giant's beanstalk! Throughout our daily routine, we will be beginning to learn how to read a clock so that we start to recognise o'clock times.

You can help your child by looking at clocks at home and talking about what you do at certain times.

Understanding the World

As part of our topic, we will be learning about our environment. We will be looking at the difference between a forest and a town. We will also be planting a bean to see who can grow the biggest beanstalk!

Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday are celebrated this half term and we are looking forward to learning about these celebrations.

Expressing Arts and Design

This term, your child will be encouraged to role play and dance to retell some of the traditional stories we have been reading.

We will be using a variety of materials to make a chair for Baby Bear, a helmet for Chicken Licken and a ladder for Jack.

Your child will continue to have free access to a range of media, materials, music and musical instruments.

Have you ever tried making a musical instrument out of your recycling at home? Maybe you and our child could try this together. This website can be used to introduce your child to a range of musical instruments and the sounds they make

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjlcGIQraek>

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Physical Development

Your child will have many opportunities to develop their hand eye co-ordination. Your child will need their PE kit in school for their weekly PE lesson. We will be teaching them basic ball skills and the rules of some games.

You can help at home by allowing your child to dress into their PE kit at home. Make it easier for them at school by dressing them in polo shirts – rather than shirts, trousers instead of tights. This will help them become more independent.

We will be improving our fine motor skills by having daily handwriting lessons.

You could help your child by encouraging them form their letters correctly.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n

o p q r s t u v w x y z

We record your child's achievements in their individual learning journey. We would like to include any special achievements from home. This could be a photograph, a drawing or something your child has made. Please share any 'wow' moments and send them by email to:

info@blowers.dudley.sch.uk

Here's to a stunning start to 2024!