

Reception

Our theme this half term will be **traditional tales**. We will read and look closely at a variety of known tales and even familiarise the children with alternative versions too. We will look at the story language that is used in these tales and the children will begin to use this in their own writing. The children should gain a wealth of writing experience based on this theme. By the end of the half term the children should be able to make up their own tale to include a good and bad character, a problem in the middle and, of course, a happy ending. The children will be able to compare different story settings and carry out a variety of investigations eg use various materials for the 3 little pigs' houses (which will be stronger when blown); make different bridges for The Billy Goats Gruff (which will hold the weight). A variety of creative activities will also be linked to the tales we read.

In Mathematics, we will look at size and 3D shapes (Billy Goats Gruff), patterns (Princess and the Pea) and weight (Enormous Turnip). We will also concentrate on less than and subtraction skills.

Physical Development in the hall continues every Wednesday morning so please provide shorts and t-shirt for your child to keep in school.

The children will bring Maths games home every Friday now which need to be returned the following Tuesday.

Handwriting/phonics homework will be given out on a Monday to be returned the Thursday of the same week. We are focussing on sentence structure now, particularly finger spaces between words so the children can read their work back to you. Please allow time for this as they need to check what they have written makes sense.

Please continue supporting your child at home with their reading and always write in his/her Pathway book on a regular basis, thank you.

Thank you for the extra writing that has been completed at home, it is wonderful to see (especially when it is completed independently by your child or at least, most of it has) as it is all collected as evidence to show what s/he can do. This needs to be shared and celebrated! Also, remember to bring in any **WOW** moments linked to anything at all as it is important to value all aspects of your child and these will be added to his/her learning journey too.

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