



Nursery Spring 2

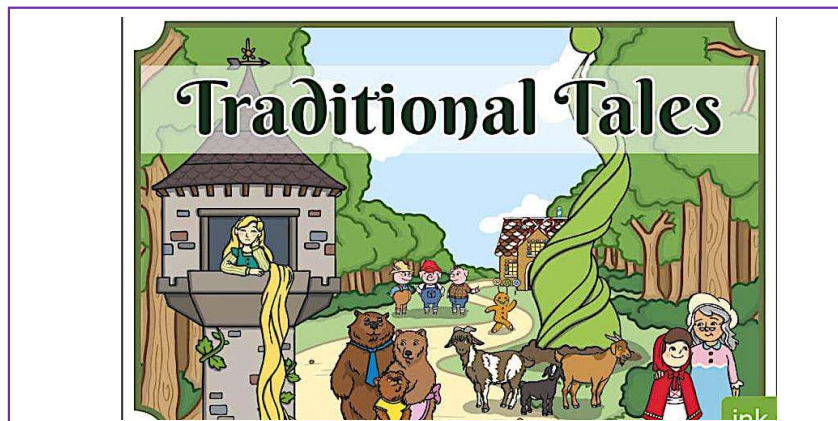


Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for a brand-new half term full of fun, exploring, and exciting adventures. We look forward to welcoming you all back into Nursery with big smiles and can't wait to see what wonderful things you discover this half term.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to catch us at the door—we're always happy to help!

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilkes



Reminders

- Please send your child into school with a named drinking bottle each day.
- Please can you ensure your child has a named bag to leave on their peg with spare clothes including underwear and socks and that **everything** (including their coat) is labelled as this really helps them and us!
- Please return book bags on **Fridays** in order for your child to change their reading book.

How to support your child at home

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible - taking off and putting on their own coat and shoes, making attempts at doing up zips and buttons, using the toilet, wiping, flushing and washing their hands and tidying away their own toys etc.

Share stories together, talking about what they can see on each page, what happened in the story and if they liked or disliked the book.

Practise counting in a variety of ways such as up and down stairs, place settings at the table etc.

Encourage lots of mark making e.g. writing cards, shopping lists, drawing/painting pictures etc.

Important Dates

Every Wednesday at 2:15pm - Parent Workshops (Please see posters around school for more details)

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

WB: 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 25th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 27th March - Eid Parties

Friday 27th March - Last day of term.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have built some wonderful relationships in Nursery with our teachers and our friends and we are now challenging ourselves to play together fairly, listening to and sharing ideas of what and how to play and using our words to sort any conflicts that may arise.

Our teachers will encourage us to explore different areas of the classroom, including some areas we may not usually choose to help us grow and develop new skills and interests.

Our value this half term will be Perseverance. Our friend Pete Perseverance will help us learn not to give up on something even when it's really tricky.

Physical Development

As the weather begins to get warmer, we will have the opportunity to spend more time outside building our muscle strength and co-ordination. Having fun building dens, obstacle courses, digging in wet sand and dragging, pouring and tipping water all helps us to develop our sense of awareness around our bodies and how to control them. We will continue with our fine motor control too and challenge ourselves with continued use of scissors, mark making tools, rollers, cutters and games requiring us to squeeze and pinch.

Literacy

This half term will be sharing Traditional Tales such as The Three Little Pigs, The Enormous Turnip and Jack and The Beanstalk. We will talk about the similarities and differences between these tales and will join in with and independently retell them using story props and story maps.

Our phonics journey moves onto oral blending this half term where we will learn to listen to sounds and blend them together to hear the word. Fred our phonics frog will help us with this as he only talks in 'Fred Talk' for example Fred might say r - e - d and we know he is saying red! Please ask at the door if you want to know more about oral blending and how to help at home.

Communication and Language

We are becoming really confident talkers now, using clear voices so our friends and teachers can hear us. This half term, our oracy journey will help us to realise how important our voices, ideas and opinions are and encourage us to develop our conversational skills, taking turns to speak with others in family group and in our play.

This half term we are focusing on answering what, when, where and who questions and during story time, our teachers will encourage us listen carefully so we are able to answer a variety of these types of questions.

Maths

We will be focusing on prepositional language this half term, using our expanding vocabulary to say where things are for example the bear is **on** the box, **in** the box, **under** the box. We will look again at pattern, exploring different types to copy such as zig zags, spirals and stripes and will continue our number knowledge learning to count out given amounts and begin to take away and add small quantities to groups.

Understanding the World

Our traditional tales will provide opportunities to explore real life materials and the environment around us. Our teachers will encourage us to use our senses and talk about what we can see, hear, feel and smell.

This half term sees us enjoy the celebration of Easter. We will learn about the Easter story and why it is so important to Christians and of course we will be enjoying some Easter treats such as Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate eggs! Yum Yum!

This half term also sees us celebrate Eid ul-fitr. We will share our traditions and talk about how we celebrate at home with our families and then finish in style with a wonderful Eid party.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring more colour mixing opportunities this half term, learning how to make tints and shades of colours by adding white and black paint.

As our creative skills develop, our teachers will challenge us to draw and paint using enclosed shapes such as circles for heads and bodies and to look closely at real life objects to ensure we add details to them.