

## 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. As I said at parents evening please encourage your child to write at home, thinking about sentence structure eg. spaces between words; using sounds they have learnt; include tricky words and read back what they have written. Then please bring in good pieces of writing to include in learning journeys. The children will be able to compare different story settings and carry out a variety of investigations eg. use various materials for the three little pigs houses (which will be stronger when blown?); make different bridges for The Three 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.

Little Kickers will be every Tuesday morning so children need to come into school in sports wear plus school jumper and appropriate footwear.

The children will continue to bring home a Maths game every Tuesday which is to be returned the following Monday and writing homework on Friday to be returned the following Tuesday. 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. As well as writing 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.

As promised we will send out a date shortly for a writing workshop that you will hopefully be able to attend with your child.

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