

This term our topic is:

Traditional Tales





Continuing Learning at Home

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to spend time talking to them, showing an interest and playing their games.

If you would like to talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and help continue their learning there are some ideas below.

English

This term we will be exploring a selection of traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, the Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. We will be learning about settings, characters and story structures. Towards the end of term the children will be writing their own story. The children will be writing in sentences using appropriate punctuation such as finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. They will also be learning how to use conjunctions and time words in their writing. The children will begin guided reading in class this term and will continue to bring spellings home.

At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child on a regular basis.
- Practise phonic sounds and letter names.
- Read some traditional tales at home discussing the characters and story setting. Ask them to retell the stories in their own words.
- Learn the sounds on the phonics bookmark.
- When writing, remind your child to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.
- Practise your child's spellings with them.

Maths

This term we will be looking at numbers and the number system to 50. The children will be learning to partition numbers into tens and units. They will learn to add and subtract single digit numbers up to 20 and apply this learning in a money context. The children will be counting in multiples of 2 and towards the end of term they will be learning about fractions. The children will be recognising and naming properties of 2D shapes and will be exploring and recreating patterns. At home you could:

- Help your child to recognise coins and how much they are worth.
- Use money to make simple amounts such as 6p.
- Name 2D shapes you find around the house.
- Double or half quantities of objects.
- Help your child familiarise themselves with the number system – finding one more, ten more, one less and ten less than any given number.

Science

This term we are learning about materials. We will be looking at objects and identifying what they are made from. We will discuss their uses and look at their properties for example, whether or not they are waterproof, magnetic, or they float or sink. The children will carry out a final experiment to learn more about a certain property.

At home you could:

- Discuss types of materials that objects are made from.
- Look at some books about materials.

Handwriting

We will be continuing to learn to form all letters correctly and focusing on the size of the letters and where they sit on the line.

At home you could:

- Make sure your child holds their pencil correctly.
- Ensure your child is forming their letters correctly, especially letters that are in their name.
- Focusing on the size of their letters on the line with ascenders being tall and descenders sitting below the line.

P.E.

We will use the apparatus to complete some basic gymnastics and focus on their core strength, balance and co-ordination.

DT

The children will be exploring levers. We will be looking at books that have moving parts and will investigate how they work. The children will design and make their own moving traditional tale picture.

At home you could:

- Look at books that have moving pictures.

If you have any books with levers in that make pictures move, please inform your child's class teacher to discuss the possibility of bringing them into school for other children to see.

Music

In music this term we will be continuing with the Charanga scheme of work. At home you could:

- Tap out a beat and ask your child to repeat it.
- Listen to different genres of songs and discuss what instruments they can hear.

Computing

We will be making our own animations that link to a traditional tale and practising typing on a keyboard. The children will be making their own traditional tale games for their friends to play. Finally, we will be sending emails to each other in class and continuing to teach our e-safety rules about how to stay safe online.

At home you could:

- Log into Purple Mash and play some games.
- Read some traditional tale ebooks.

PSHE

In PSHE this term our topics will cover the difference between needs and wants, the importance of teeth cleaning and strangers. We will also be discussing the importance of looking at more than one point of view to build a clearer picture.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about Jesus as a storyteller and sharing some well-known stories Jesus told.

Thank you for your continued support at home and we look forward to this half term.

The Year One Team