

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3!

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and created wonderful family memories together. Happy New Year!

Curriculum information

Our topic in term 3 is Our favourite stories!

This term we will be exploring a number of traditional tales. We will be listening to the story and exploring the fairy tale through our play. From making porridge for Goldilocks to building a trap to catch the Big Bad wolf!

In **Literacy**, we will continue to develop our Phonic knowledge by learning Level 2 and Level 3 sounds to become more confident in recognising and using them in both reading and writing. We have some wonderful stories to share with the children to stimulate discussion, story telling and opportunities to have a go at writing labels, captions and even sentences for children that are ready!

In **Maths** this term, we will be securing our knowledge of numbers to five, including zero. We will also be learning to compare numbers to five and growing to numbers to 10 when we are ready.

Key dates

Please put these dates in your diary for the upcoming term:

- Tuesday 23rd January 2:45- 3:15– book and a biscuit
- Thursday 1st February– Fairytale day, dress up as your favourite fairytale characters.
- Sittingbourne library visit– date to be confirmed

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name; including sun hats. Please feel free to add spare clothes into their bag if you feel necessary.

Toys

Although toys can be a comfort for some children, this can cause upset if other children want to play or if their personal toys get lost or broken. So we kindly request that all toys from home are given to a parent at drop off to stop any additional upset throughout the school day.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash**



P.E is on FRIDAY

If you would like your child to wear trainers for this session please wear them into school. We will not be getting changed for these sessions as they will be part of our physical development.

Please remove earrings on these days.

Reminder

We are a **NUT FREE** school, therefore please ensure that if your child brings packed lunch that it contains no nuts products this includes chocolate spread containing nuts.

Reading

Reading is a key skill to access a wonderful range of stories, learning and imagination! We encourage our children to love reading as much as we do and regularly share stories and books in our classroom daily.

We will begin our phonics learning which is giving your child the tools to begin their reading journey. Each week they will be learning individual sounds and practising how to blend them to decode words.

Each week your child will receive a reading books

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag everyday as we will be reading with them.

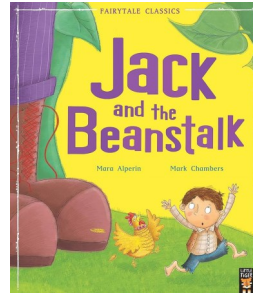
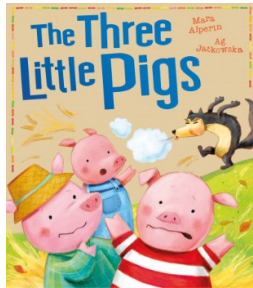
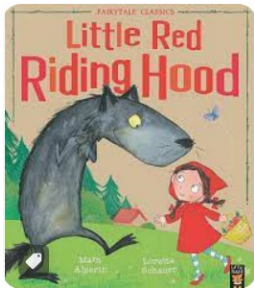


Reception Knowledge Organiser

Our Favourite Stories

This term is 'Our Favourite Stories,

Look at some of the new books we will be reading this term to help our learning:



Please keep an eye out in your child's bookbag for QR codes to access books we may recommend.

Home learning

Each term we ask you and your child to complete a home learning task relating to our topic. This is to extend and share your child's learning from school and to spend time together creating something for them to show and tell each term. These can be as creative or simple as you like!

This term we would like you to retell one of your child's favourite fairy tale.

Please give these to your class teacher by 31st January to ensure we have time to share all of the boxes.

Some ideas could be:

- Role play
- Making your own fairy tale story
- Making puppets



Key Vocabulary this term

Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.

Our Key topic words are:

Evil

Despicable

Characters

Setting

Tale

Woodlands

Beginning

Middle

End

Ideas for home learning this term:

- Reading—lots of reading and sharing books! Share Fiction and Non-Fiction books with a member of your family.
- Count! Count stairs or how many potatoes they have at dinner or how many pairs of socks they have
- Sing counting songs. Here are a few to start you off:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONHrFNZWb0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM&t=27s>
- Practice putting their jumpers on and off and shoes on and off
- Sharing and turn taking games e.g. snap, jenga
- Recognising their name

Please upload as many photos as you can, you creating your home learning or anything that you feel your child may want to share on to Tapestry as we love to see and share as a class!