

Dear Parents/ Carers

Over the next few weeks we will be continuing our topic about stories. We will be mainly focusing on the stories of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'The Enormous Turnip.' In addition to this we will be looking at the traditional African story 'Handa's Surprise.'

In Communication, language and Literacy we will be reading the stories and listening to them. We will be continuing to learn story language by chanting them and using Pi Corbett, a well-known story tellers actions. We will be making storyboards and writing speech bubbles and captions using correct formation of letters. We will be learning about characters, the sequencing of stories and plot. We will be writing simple sentences and encouraging independence in writing, looking at rhyming words (cvc words eg pull bull full dull) and continuing to learn sounds and the names of letters. We will also be continuing to work on the ORT and tricky words.

You can help by: 1. reading stories to your child at home (especially at bedtime) and talking about characters and plot. 2. Continuing to work on forming letters correctly. 3. Continuing to read ORT books and other books regularly with your child at home.

In Mathematical Development we will be continuing to work with numbers beyond 10 for simple addition and subtraction problems. We will be forming numerals correctly, working on number bonds to 5/10 and talking about doubling, halving and sharing. We will be building, experimenting and naming 3D shapes. We will be comparing sizes and talking about ordinal numbers.

You can help by: helping your child to form numerals correctly to 10/20 and helping them to solve simple addition and subtraction problems orally. Could you particularly talk about finding the number which is 1 more or 1 less than a given number. Looking for 3D shapes in the environment and naming them. **We would really appreciate it if you could send some 3D boxes into school eg cylinders, cubes, cuboids, cones, spheres.**

In Physical Development we will be playing games and using the parachute to learn to cooperate and develop strength and gross motor skills. We will continue to talk about safety, how to keep healthy and learning how to use equipment and tools safely.

You can help by: making sure PE clothes are in school at all times and are named. Helping your child to use scissors and other tools safely.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be continuing to make storyboards using colour washes and collage materials. We will be designing bridges and using puppets to make up and act out our own stories. We will be using instruments to enhance storytelling and using larger equipment and resources to build and construct outside.

In Understanding the World we will be using the smartboard and computer to interact with a program about the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will be experimenting and solving problems together. We will be thinking about other cultures, particularly Africa as we read 'Handa's Surprise.' We will be tasting a variety of fruits and trying to grow vegetables.

You can help by: Talking about other countries and helping your child to use computer software at home if possible.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be appreciating other cultures and customs. We will be showing sensitivity towards the feelings of others.

We hope you find this information useful, please contact us if you have any questions or if your child experiences any difficulties.

Thank you for your continuing support

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