



# What's the recipe for a traditional tale?

Our topic this half-term is **TRADITIONAL TALES**. We will be looking at a variety of traditional tales, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and The Elves and the Shoemaker, amongst others. We will talk about common themes in these tales and the types of settings where the stories usually take place. Alongside these stories, we will also be reading Christmas stories, such as The Jolly Postman and doing lots of Christmas activities.

In **literacy**, our F1s will be concentrating on developing their speaking and listening skills. We will focus on getting the children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to develop oral blending and segmenting skills. Our F2s will be revising sounds already taught and learning new phonics sounds. We will continue to work on blending and will also be supporting the children in their segmenting and emergent writing. Once your child knows the sound that each letter makes and can blend them together, they will start bringing reading books home. Please do not worry if you think your child's reading book seems easy for them. We teach reading every day, where the children are challenged with texts that will help them to make progress. Your child should be reading their home reading book with a least 95% accuracy. Please write in your child's reading log book to record how well they did and when you have read.

In **maths**, the children will be engaging in practical activities to support their understanding of mathematical concepts. Our space, shape and measures activities will support us to explore the characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. Our 'number' activities will focus on recognising and understanding the value of numbers. Our F2s will also be working on what 'one more' and 'one less' is, together with addition and subtraction.

In Pre-nursery, we will be igniting the children's imagination and love of reading with a variety of books. Keep your eyes peeled for our book of the week, which you will see displayed on our entrance door! We will experiment with sound through play, engaging in activities such as listening walks, singing songs and creating sounds with instruments, experimenting with the different sounds we can make. Our maths work will continue to develop their understanding of number and shape through purposeful play. Nearer Christmas, we will be doing lots of Christmas craft and learning Christmas songs.



## Milk

All children under five are entitled to free milk in school. Once your child turns five, they may continue to have milk at a cost of £8 per term. Please contact the school office if your child has turned five and you would like them to still have milk.

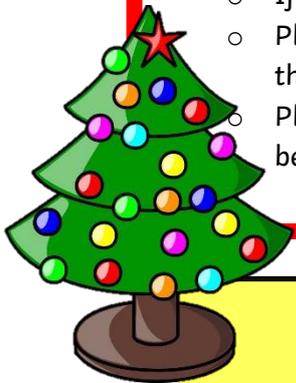


## Growing up!

To support the Reception children with their developing independence, we would encourage parents to support their child to enter the classroom unaccompanied. Of course, we will support the children in choosing lunch and if they are having difficulty with any aspect of our morning routine. Please discuss this with your child and decide whether they want to try this straight away or build up to doing this gradually.

## Reminders

- Please send your child in a warm, waterproof coat every day, together with a hat and gloves. Having these in school means they can always engage with the outdoor provision.
- Please send your child with a labelled set of spare clothes, which can stay on their peg should it be required.
- If your child is in Reception, please ensure they have their PE kit in school all week.
- Please help your child to learn to dress themselves, so that they are supported in their growing independence at school.
- Please can we remind you that only water is allowed in water bottles, but juice can be brought as part of your child's packed lunch.



## Dates for your diary

**16 November 2018** Children in Need Day

**6 December 2018** Musical Celebration

**7 December 2018** Friends of Micklefield Christmas Market

**17 December 2018** 1:45pm Family Unit and Class 2 Christmas Performance

**18 December 2018** 9:30am Family Unit and Class 2 Christmas Performance

