



# Nursery Newsletter Spring 2 2024

## Topic

Our topic for this half term is Fairy Tales. We will be learning some more traditional and classics children's tales and re-telling them using our own props and words to support our Communication and Language development.

## Maths

This term we are beginning to learn our numerals to 5 and use these to help us count out the correct number. We will learn about one more and one less through lots of practical counting activities! We will continue to practise subitising, which means recognising small quantities without needing to count out, through lots of games!



## Physical Development

We are enjoying PE lessons indoors every Thursday, and are now going in smaller groups to learn how to use different types of equipment safely and effectively. As well as their fine and gross motor skills, **it really supports your child's independence to be dressed in Velcro or zip/slip on shoes each day for school instead of laces**, so they can practise dressing alone on occasions we take our shoes off.

We will continue exploring with a range of fine motor activities this term to support our finger muscles' development, including: lego, peg boards, threading, cutting, messy play, pouring, drawing with large chalks, painting and having a go at zipping up our coats!

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have started this term by having a big focus on washing our hands. The children enjoyed doing the germ experiment with pepper and soap and watching how important soap is to 'chase the germs away'. The children helped us came up with some ideas for when to wash their hands in the day, such as before snack time, and we sang a song to help us practise scrubbing. We will continue to support them with regular reminders.



## Communication and Language

This term, we will be focusing on using the story language from our key texts to re-tell stories in our own words.

We have music every Thursday, where we enjoy learning new songs with Claire, and growing our confidence in participating and singing out loud.

We will be practicing using specific words to label a range of emotions we feel in school and using visuals to support us with this.



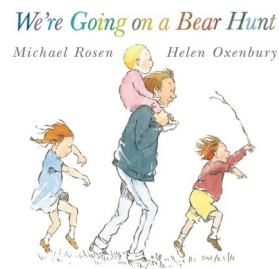
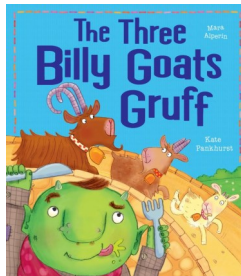
## Literacy

We will enjoy lots more stories this term and continue to enjoy quality stories and nursery rhymes everyday! We are now growing our interest in reading and choosing books we know well to re-tell to our friends!

Mark making is an important introduction to forming letters and writing. We will continue to explore lots of different tools and resources to mark make and talk to an adult about the marks we have made! We are enjoying using a range of tools to make marks, including pencils, felt tip pens, large chalks, paints and our fingers!

## Key texts

Our key texts this term are 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will enjoy listening to these lots of times, participating in repeating phrases, playing and re-telling the stories in our small world and role play areas!



## Messages

- **Books will continue to be changed every Tuesday.** Please note that we encourage the children to choose their own book, while we try and encourage them to enjoy a range of stories, this does sometimes mean they will choose the same book again. Please use this as an opportunity to ask them what they love so much about the story!
- Unfortunately, we sometimes do miss books in bags, especially when children are bringing in warm clothing in their bags etc. To support everyone with this, we will be asking that you **take out your child's book and reading record and place it in a box at the gate every morning**, to ensure all books brought in have been seen. **We ask you bring in your book and reading record every day.**
- We have all grown a lot this year! Please check that as well as weather appropriate clothes, your child has a change of clothes that still fit them in school. This helps us to ensure your child has a suitable change when accidents happen!
- Please note that we are currently close to full in both Nursery and Little Stars, if you wish to move to afternoons or move your child to full time please email the office so we can check we have space to provide this. Unfortunately, the receipt of a full time code does not currently mean we can guarantee your child a full time space.
- **It is really important that you have now signed up to a Reception place for September 2024.** If you have not yet done so, and would like a place in Keyworth Reception, please sign up as soon as possible to give your child the best chance of securing a place. If you need any help with this please speak to Ruby on the door.