



Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2024/25



Welcome back to Spring 2. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

The Reception Team:	
Moonbeam	Olivia, Jamilla and Jemima
Sunshine	Felicity and Nekay
Additional Adult	Usha and Shakena

Our topic this half term is Storytelling.

We will be reading and acting out different stories. We will also be exploring the different characters, making story maps and comparing settings. Please see below for ideas on how you can explore this topic with your child at home.

Key Words

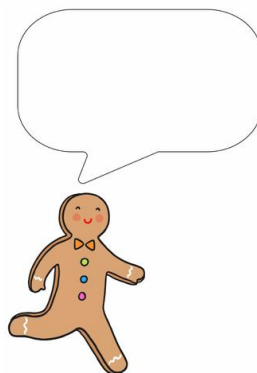
- Once upon a time
- Long, long ago
- In a land far away
- One day
- Next
- After that
- Suddenly

Books to read at home

- The Three Little Pigs
- The Gingerbread Man
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Little Red Riding Hood

Ideas to try at home

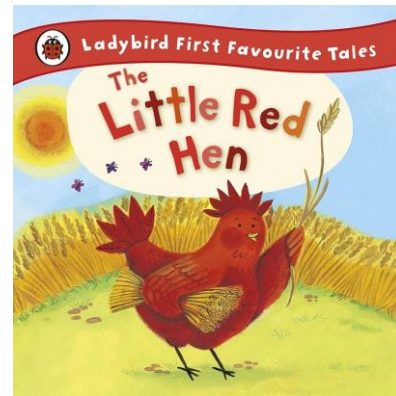
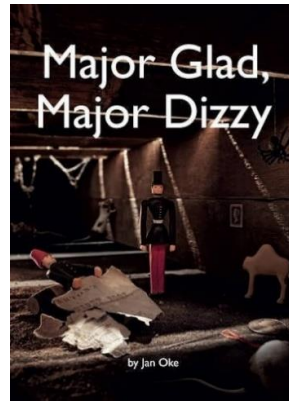
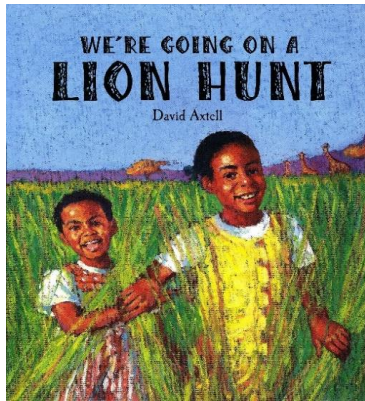
- Can your child make puppets of the characters from the stories?
- Can your child use the puppets to act out the story? Can they use the story language to do this?
- Can your child draw a picture of the characters and add thought bubbles? Can they write a sentence about how the characters might be feeling? Why would they feel like that?





Literacy

In literacy we will be reading several stories including The Three Billy Goats Gruff, We're Going on a Lion Hunt, The Little Red Hen and Major Glad, Major Dizzy. We will be encouraging the children to become story tellers themselves, making up their own stories as well as completing activities such as writing letters from the characters, describing and designing our own 'baddies' and writing our own stories.



Maths -

This half-term in maths we will be counting and exploring the composition of numbers up to 10. We will also be learning about measuring length, height as well as talking about the concept of time. At the end of this half term we will be exploring 3D 'solid' shapes.

Here are some ideas to support your child at home:

- Go on a 3D shape hunt around the house.
- Build junk models using different 3D shapes e.g. cylinder kitchen roll or cube tissue box.
- Investigate who has the longest feet in the house? Which toy is the tallest?
- Compare the heights of different people at home or different towers built from blocks.
- Talk about different units of time and what happens at different times during your day.

Phonics -

This half term in phonics, we will be learning or revisiting Phase 3 phonics sounds. Your child will be taking home a reading book that is matched to the sounds they are learning in phonics. Please speak to a member of the team if you have any questions about phonics, we are always happy to help.





They will be practising the tricky words:

Red 2a Tricky



he	you	she	we
all	they	are	was
be	her	me	my

Red 2b Tricky



sure	pure	your	by
pull	full	push	put

Reading - We kindly ask that you continue to read with your child and sign their reading diary each day. Children should be reading their books a minimum of 3 times to ensure they are understanding the sentences they are reading, and have the opportunity to become more fluent. A strong reading routine at home is essential to helping your child make steady progress. We are ambitious for your child's success and believe that consistent home reading is key to supporting their development throughout the year.



Other information -

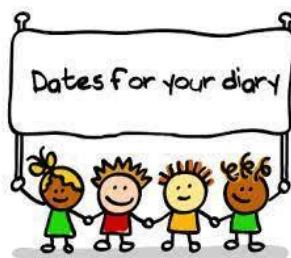
Show and Tell- Each week we will be sending home a box for children to fill with items to share with the class on a Friday. This is to develop the children's Oracy skills by standing up in front of the class, talking about their items and answering questions. We will create a list of children who will take part each week and inform you of when it is your child's turn.

Footwear- We have noticed a lot of children have come into school wearing lace up shoes that they are unable to independently tie themselves, therefore becoming a trip hazard. Please ensure children wear comfortable shoes that they can run and climb in, as well as being able to independently take them on and off.

Reminder-

Nature Garden - Sunshine and Moonbeam on Wednesdays (please bring wellies if possible).

PE - Moonbeam on Wednesday, Sunshine on Fridays (please can the children wear trainers and avoid tights if possible).



World Book Day - Friday 7th March

Celebration Day - Wednesday 19th March

Moonbeam Library Trip- Thursday 20th March

Sunshine Library Trip- Friday 21st March

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemmer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>