

## Reception Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back to Spring 2! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. Here is a link to our Reception page on the website to find see what we have been up to.

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/reception/>

### Story Telling

Our topic for Spring 2 is Story Telling! 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

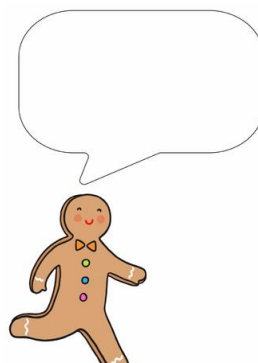
- Once upon time
- Long, long ago
- In a land far away
- One day
- Next
- After that
- Suddenly

#### Books to read at home

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

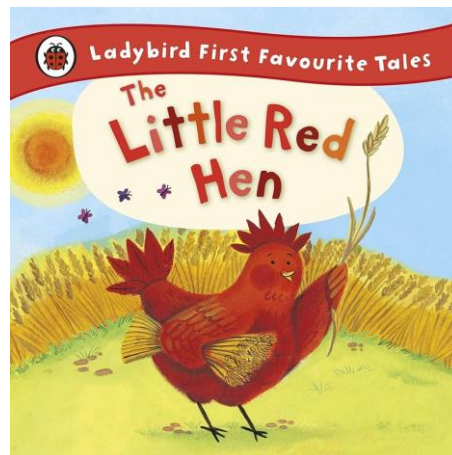
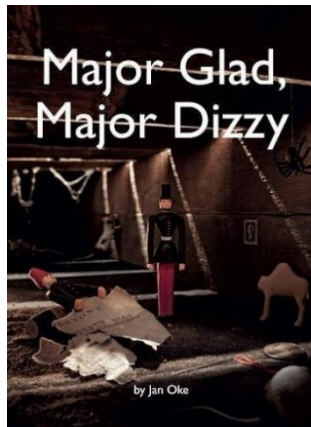
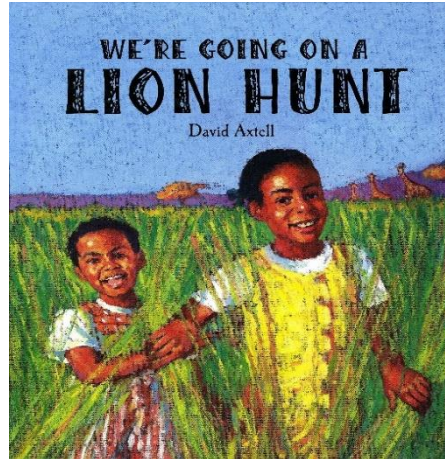
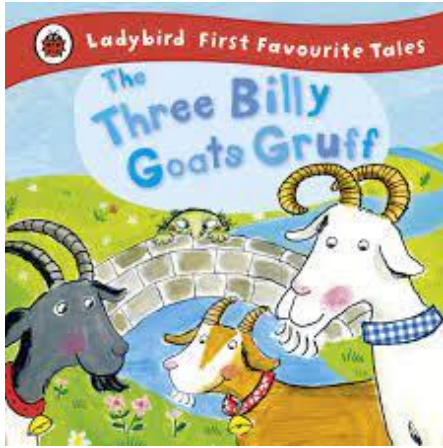
#### Ideas to try at home

- 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 it 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 height of different people at home or different towers built.
- Talk about different units of time and what happens at different times during your day.



## Phonics

This half term in phonics, most of us will be learning or revisiting Phase 3 phonics sounds. Some of us will spend some more time revisiting phase 2 sounds before introducing the next phase. Your child will be taking home a reading book that it 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.



We cannot stress enough the importance of having your child read to you **daily**. 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. It is noticeable when children are reading regularly at home.

## Volunteers and donations



