

'Tell Me A Story...'



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. This term our topic is called 'Tell Me A Story' and this half term focuses on lots of the traditional tales to entertain the children and support their learning. Below is an overview of the taught skills that this half term will include. Alongside this there will still be lots of opportunities for the children to lead their own learning in the various areas of the environment. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please come and have a chat.

Kind regards, Miss Knights

Phonics

We are now moving on to 'phase 3' of our phonics programme. This will introduce more digraphs and trigraphs and will teach the children how to break down and read longer words. We will continue to read together three times a week and books will be sent home on a Monday and Thursday for reading practice with you. I will also continue to include flashcards for the sounds and tricky words taught each week.

Communication and Language

This half term will see the children using lots of story language; joining in with repeated refrains in known stories and using their own words to re-tell tales. We will be learning new and exciting vocabulary to make our storytelling more interesting and working on our communication with each other when playing and working together.

Writing



We will continue to practise the correct letter formation and work on our pencil control through motor skills activities, drawing and colouring, as well as writing. The children will be working on becoming more independent when segmenting words for spelling and will begin to write simple phrases and sentences to express some of their ideas.

Maths

First we will consolidate our counting to 10 and then 20, practising counting forwards and backwards and learning the patterns of the teen numbers. We will explore how to make the different numbers to 10 using smaller numbers and begin to look at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. Through our fairy tales, we will complete challenges involving different measures and shapes.



Understanding the World

We will continue with our welly walks and use these to explore the changing seasons and look at how winter has affected our surroundings. We will use story books to think about different communities and compare these to our own school and village community, thinking about the different roles people have and our own place in the world.



Useful information

PE with Mr Holmes will continue on a Wednesday and children will need PE kits every day as we will do other sessions as a class as well.



Please remember that you can record any events you would like to share, on Evidence Me and any reading completed with your child can be recorded in their yellow reading log.