



# Early Years Summer 1 Traditional Tales

The summer term has arrived which means that we will begin to get more hot and sunny weather. On sunny days your child needs a named sun hat and suntan cream applied before school. We can top cream up on hot days. However your child still needs a coat as the great British weather can change in one day!

This half term to link with our topic we are encouraging the Reception children to write their own traditional stories. The children will be trying to write sentences, remembering our finger spaces. Nursery are doing really well at writing their names. Give your child lots of opportunities to practise this at home.

Reception are doing gymnastics this half term. Please keep practising dressing and undressing on their own, especially jumpers and summer dresses. Nursery continue to complete a PE session but need to keep practising putting on their socks and shoes.

In Reception, we are working on our doubles, halves and sharing. Check out your maths challenge to see how you can practise. Keep practising the teen numbers especially 12, 13 and 15. Nursery are working on counting, addition and shapes. The Maths Monkeys have enjoyed visiting your homes to do maths with you.

Phonics – Reception are now consolidating our Phase 3 phonics and beginning Phase 4. We are making sure we can find our diagraphs in words eg. goat. As well as using them correctly when writing words.

To replace our Yoga sessions, we will be exploring more mindfulness activities, putting us in touch with our bodies, helping us to deal with any time we feel anxious or angry.

Nursery are looking at rhyme and alliteration. We are continuing to blend and segment using satpin. We are now trying to make words with our sounds, such as tap and pit.

A reminder about toys in school. Please do not allow your child to bring their own toys into school. We have plenty to play with and it can be sad when they get lost or broken.

Reception are very excited about our Class assembly on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. (2.45pm)** Look out for lines and costume letters in your child's book bag.

Reception: We continue to practise reading our words on sight. We are now practising writing our red words correctly such as 'the' and 'like'. Nursery: Please continue to share books with your children at home, discussing what happens in the story and the illustrations. Why not share a traditional tale?

We are thinking about other cultures and ways of life. We will be looking at the Buddhist festival of Wesak and the Muslim festival of Ramadan. We will be comparing them to festivals we have already celebrated.



We will be reading a traditional tale each week this half term. We began with the Gingerbread man. We will be reading the Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The 3 Little Pigs and Little Red Riding hood. We will be encouraging the children to retell these stories with drama, drawings and writing. Why not have a look on your book shelf to see how many traditional tales you have.